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THE WAR IN FRANCE.

Forts Issy and Vanvres, South of Paris, Temporarily Silenced—The Severe Weather Moderating.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 6.—The King sent today the following dispatch to Queen AUGUSTA:

"The weather has moderated. We are now having a thaw.

Our losses during the bombardment of Fort d'Issy so far are 17 killed and wounded.

Large supplies were captured from the French at Beccoy."

LONDON, Jan. 8.—A dispatch dated near Paris, Friday noon, states that Forts Issy and Vanvres have been silenced, and the bombardment of the other southern defenses promises to be equally effective.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 8.—The bombardment of the fortifications south, east and north of Paris is going on and proves effective. On the 7th Forts Issy and Vanvres were temporarily silenced. The German loss from the return fire of the French up to the present does not exceed twenty.

Affairs Within Paris—Efforts at Social Amelioration—Effect of the German Fire—The Guards Constituted with the Regular Army.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Advices from inside Paris to the 3d are at hand. Gen. TROCHU on the 31st of December issued a proclamation to the citizens of Paris, in which he says: "Efforts are being made to destroy union and confidence, to which Paris owes her prolonged defense; political capital is being made of disappointments caused solely by the severity of the weather. The army has, indeed, been sorely tried, and requires a brief rest, which the enemy seeks to prevent by a most violent bombardment. But that army is preparing to act, and will do its duty."

UNANIMITY IN THE GOVERNMENT.

There are no dissensions among the members of the Government, who are perfectly united in face of the country's peril.

EFFECT OF THE BOMBARDMENT.

The reports of the Generals commanding the fortifications show that slight damage has been done to the suburban villages by the bombardment, and a few men have been wounded.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE GUARDS.

A Council of War has approved of measures for associating the National and Mobile Guards with the regular army for the more vigorous defense of the city.

RIOTS APPREHENDED.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Letters from Paris to the 4th inst. indicate danger of riots.

Faidherbe Refuses to Acknowledge Defeat—His Account of Operations.

LILLE, Jan. 7.—Gen. FAIDHERBE, in an official communication, says he thought the Prussians would not deny that the French had won a victory this time, but he finds that the German bulletins for the second time annihilate his army. He proceeds to refute their more glaring inaccuracies. He says his army did not retreat on the night after the battle of the 3d. They remained in occupation of the villages they had conquered, and went into their encampments only on the following morning.

As to the pursuit of which the Germans boast, the only fact to support them is that, on the morning of the 4th, two squadrons of cavalry charged the French rear guard. One of them was annihilated and the other wheeled off and fled.

Operations in the North and East—Bourbaki Threatening Nancy and Belfort—Uhlans Before Lille—Checkmate—Miscellaneous.

LONDON, Jan. 8—Evening.—Gen. BOURBAKI is marching on Nancy and Belfort.

The Prussians have reoccupied Auxonne, and the French have entered Semur.

The Germans are generally withdrawing from the northern departments.

The French Marine Infantry repulsed a Prussian detachment near Briare. The Germans lost 200 men.

THE GERMANS BEFORE LILLE.

The Uhlans have appeared under the walls of Lille. Great destitution prevails in Amiens and vicinity.

GERMANS RETIRING ON MEZIERES.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The Germans in the upper valley of the Oise have evacuated the towns of Guise, Hirson, and Vervins, and are retiring on Mézières.

PREPARATIONS AT CHERBOURG.

CHERBOURG, Jan. 7.—A large number of troops have left this place for the front within the past three days.

Six hundred wounded have been brought here.

A PRUSSIAN DEFEAT.

HAVRE, Jan. 8.—Ten thousand Germans, mostly from Rouen, were defeated yesterday by Gen. RAY, near Jumieges. The French have since occupied Bourgachard and Bourgtheroulde, and threaten to drive the Prussians from Pont Audemer.

A FRENCH REPULSE IN THE EAST.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 6.—The vanguard of Gen. WERDER's Army, in the valley of the Seine, engaged the French yesterday and took 200 prisoners.

GERMAN SUPPORT OF THE WAR.

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—Negotiations for placing the second installment of fifty millions of the loan are pending.

MUNICH, Jan. 7.—The Upper Chamber has approved the extraordinary credit for war purposes demanded by the Government.

PROTEST OF GERMANS AT MARSEILLES.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The German residents of Marseilles have sent a letter to the King of Prussia expressing indignation at the barbarous character of the struggle, warning him against the spirit of conquest, and demanding the cessation of the infamous war.

The Situation on the Loire—Indecisive Conflicts in which Both Armies Claim the Advantage.

BORDEAUX, Jan. 6.—A series of unimportant attacks, made on the advanced posts of Gen. CHANZY's army, have been vigorously repulsed.

ACTIVITY OF THE FRANCS-TIREURS.

The Franco-Tireurs of Glan surrounded and captured a detachment of 100 Germans near that place.

CHANZY'S FORCE.

The force now under Gen. CHANZY's command is reported to be 300,000 strong, and ready for action.

A FRENCH DISPATCH.

BORDEAUX, Jan. 7.—The Germans on Friday attacked the French positions at Villechauve, Villepordher and St. Cyr-sur-Gault, and afterward forced our lines at Neuville. The French at night took the offensive, reoccupied all their positions, and entered St. Arnaud. The enemy retired toward Vendome, leaving many wounded and prisoners. They apparently suffered heavily during the day and night.

LE MANS.

On the line of Le Mans the Germans have reoccupied Lafourche, and menace Nogent-le-Rotrou.

THE GERMAN VERSION.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 7.—The German forces beyond Vendome encountered two French army corps which were advancing. A severe engagement took place, at the end of which the French were repulsed, and our troops occupied Azay and Montoire and the intermediate villages. Our losses were not inconsiderable.

WHAT THE KING SAYS.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 8.—A dispatch from the King to the Queen says the reports of a successful engagement with the Army of the Loire near Vendome are confirmed, and describes the action as an encounter with the enemy's advance posts.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Difficulty Fixing the Date of the Conference—The Cause of the Delay—Russia Regards the Black Sea Clause of the Treaty as Already Disposed of—Jules Favre.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—It is semi-officially announced that it is impossible to fix a definite time for the meeting of the Congress of the Powers, in consequence of the absence of the French representative. The true cause of the difficulty, however, is the embarrassing position of England by reason of the formal notification by Russia that the Black Sea clause of the Paris treaty has been already abrogated by the act of the Emperor, and that it is out of the power of a Congress to alter the decision.

ANOTHER STATEMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The London *Observer* says the Conference of the Powers will certainly meet before the end of January. The refusal of M. FAVRE to attend is not considered final, but whether France is represented or not the Conference will assemble.

M. FAVRE WAITING TO BE ASKED.

LONDON, Jan. 8—Evening.—The account in the *Times* of a conversation between WASHBURNE and FAVRE is contradicted at Bordeaux.

M. FAVRE is still waiting to receive England's invitation to the Conference.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

A Battle with Greek Bandits on the Turkish Frontier—Twenty Out of Seventy of Them Killed—Proclamation of the King of Holland on Luxembourg—The Fenian Convicts—Disasters at Sea.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Dispatches from Athens report that a band of Greek brigands, numbering eighty, had a fight on the 31st ult. with the Turkish troops near the frontier, and were defeated, with a loss of twenty men. They were under the command of the noted chieftain, ARVANITAKI. The Turks, at last accounts, were vigorously pursuing the bandits.

LUXEMBOURG.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The King of Holland has issued a proclamation to the inhabitants of Luxembourg, promising them his unvarying attachment, and reassuring them of the maintenance of the independence of the Duchy, which, he points out, is guaranteed by the signatures of the chief European Powers.

THE FENIAN CONVICTS.

The British Government, it is said, pays the expenses of the released Fenian convicts to the United States.

MARINE DISASTERS.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The schooner *Transfer* has been lost at sea. Her crew landed at Plymouth. Bark *J. B. Dufay*, Capt. ARNEM, from New-York Dec. 6, for Antwerp, is ashore near Padermarket, and will probably become a wreck. Ship *Natchora*, New-York for Bremen, has put into Cowes for refuge.

Lord Derby Advises Providing the Volunteers with Field Artillery—Departure of the Fenian Convicts—Nature of the Pardon.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Lord DERBY, in a speech at Preston, urged the Government to provide the Volunteers with field artillery, and to divide the country into districts, each of which is to furnish its quota of militia.

SAILING OF THE FENIAN PRISONERS.

The Fenian convicts who have been released from prison, sailed from Liverpool on Saturday in the Cunard steamship *Cuba*. When the steamer reached Queenstown a committee visited the prisoners and gave them an outfit of £20 each. The men seem to be satisfied with their treatment by the Government. The people of Queenstown gave them a serenade before the *Cuba* sailed. Their pardon is not complete. So long as they remain within the British Dominions they are subject to the full penalties of the law under which they were sentenced. HALPIN still refuses to accept a conditional pardon.

AUSTRALIA.

Monthly Mails Across the Pacific—Movements of Prince Alfred—Sudden Departure of Sandmann, the Actor, from Melbourne—Damage by the Floods.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 8.—The North Pacific Transportation Company announce in the New-Zealand newspapers that they have entered into a contract with the Postmaster-General of New-Zealand to carry the mails between San Francisco, Honolulu, Fiji, Auckland, Wellington, Littleton and Port Chalmers. The steam-ships *Nebraska*, *Nevada* and *Dacotah*, of Wain's old opposition line to Panama, are to be put upon the route, and a trip will be made monthly, according to the contract, which is for twenty years. The subsidy from New-Zealand is $400,000 a year. The first steamer will leave San Francisco on Feb. 16.....Prince ALFRED sailed from New South Wales, for Caledonia, Auckland and England, Nov. 18....The French iron-clad vessel *Bellequeuse*, was at Melbourne at the latest advices....BANDMANN, the actor, left Melbourne suddenly leaving his wife formerly Miss MILLIE PALMER, of London, behind. Some scandal was indulged in in connection with his sudden departure....The floods caused great damage throughout Australia. The grain crop, however, promises well.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 8.—It appears that arrangements are negotiating between the Government of New-Zealand and a party representing the North Pacific Transportation Company, whereby New-Zealand agrees to pay a subsidy of $200,000 annually, for ten years, upon condition that the United States give the same amount.

SOUTH AMERICA.

A Spanish Vessel Watching Filibusters at the Isthmus—Exaction of Forced Loans in Bolivia—Potosi Sacked and Burned—American Minister in Chili—Indian Raids.

PANAMA, Jan. 5, via HAVANA, Jan. 8.—Gen. MOSQUERA has arrived here, and is the guest of the President.

ASPINWALL, Jan. 5, via HAVANA, Jan. 8.—A Spanish war vessel has arrived here, on the look out for filibusters, but came too late to interfere with the movements of a steamer which left this port on the first December, 1870, with a number of men on board.

POTOSI, Dec. 16, 1870, via HAVANA, Jan. 8, 1871.—Bolivia is agitated just now. Gen. MORALES is exacting forced loans in Lopez, Corcori and Oruro, and where his demands are not speedily complied with, does not hesitate to inflict personal violence on the delinquents, and compel them to contribute the required amounts.... Potosi was sacked recently, and partly burned.

VALPARAISO, Chili, Dec. 17, 1870, via HAVANA, Jan. 8, 1871.—The American Minister has been received officially by the President. There was the customary interchange of courtesies, and hopes were expressed mutually for a continuance of amicable relations between the United States and Chili.....Raids have been made into Angel by the Indians. The Government is taking measures to secure the offenders, and prevent a repetition of the raids.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 30, 1870, via PANAMA, Jan. 8, 1871.—Arequipe was visited by an earthquake on Dec. 21. Buildings were somewhat damaged, but no lives were lost.....Thousands of people are collecting in Arequipe to participate in the ceremonies attending the opening of the railroad between that city and Lima. The naval vessels of Peru are gathering in the harbor, and these with the commercial marine will give additional éclat to the ceremonies.

PERILS AT SEA.

Loss of the United States Steamer Saginaw on an Island in the Pacific—Several of the Officers Drowned at the Sandwich Islands after a Month's Hardship and Exposure—A Vessel Dispatched to the Rescue of the Crew—Their Fate Unknown.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—News has been received here of the total loss of the United States steamer *Saginaw*, of the Pacific fleet. The vessel went ashore on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 29, 1870, on Ocean Island, French Frigate Shoals, near Midway Island, for which place the *Saginaw* sailed from Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. From the time the vessel went on until she finally went to pieces on the 14th of November following, a heavy surf prevailed, and in consequence very little could be saved from the wreck. Especially was it difficult to obtain the provisions on board, and because of the meagre quantity saved the officers and crew, ninety in number, were placed on quarter rations, as the island on which they were wrecked furnished nothing in the shape of food. On the 19th of November the executive officer of the *Saginaw*, Lieut. TALBOT, with some of the sub-officers, started in the gig for the Sandwich Islands, and on the 18th of December, one month afterward, came in sight of Kauai, one of the Sandwich Island group, but all were so exhausted because of their continued privations and sufferings, that while attempting to make a landing, Lieut. TALBOT, the Executive officer; PETER FRANCIS, Quartermaster, and JAMES MUIR and JOHN ANDREW, sailors, were drowned in the surf. Their bodies were subsequently found on the beach, and were interred. The survivors immediately took measures to forward to Honolulu the news of their arrival at Kauai and the loss of the *Saginaw* at Ocean Island, and on receipt of the information the United States Minister chartered the *Kona* packet, placed a supply of provisions and water on board and dispatched her to the relief of the shipwrecked seamen. Two days later the Sandwich Island Government placed the steamer *Kilauea* at the service of the United States Minister, and he immediately dispatched her to the scene of the disaster, and where it was hoped she would arrive in season to rescue the officers and crew from death by starvation and exposure. The *Saginaw* was a fourth-rate vessel, of the paddle-wheel class, carries two guns, and her tonnage 282. MONTGOMERY SICARD, of New-York, was the Lieutenant commanding.

THE WEST INDIES.

Another Engagement with Cuban Insurgents—Capture of Cespedes' Wife—A Schooner Taken—The St. Thomas and Porto Rico Cable Expedition—Jamaica Preparing for War.

HAVANA, Jan. 8.—Telegrams from Puerto Principe announce that Gen. CHINCHILLA, who is stationed permanently at Lagunaia, had an engagement recently with a body of insurgents, and that fifteen of them were killed.....Much importance is attached to the capture of the wife of President CESPEDES, also of another woman, and of a man who was carrying a large amount of specie to the insurgents.....A mail made up by the insurgents, and intended for Nassau and New-York, fell into the hands of the Spanish authorities, together with other important documents.... The Spaniards have captured a schooner, with four men on board, at Roman Reef.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan. 8, via HAVANA, Jan. 8.—The St. Thomas and Porto Rico cable expedition is expected here on the 14th inst....The Home Government has ordered that the island be fortified and placed in a state of complete preparation for war, of which there seems now to be some prospect.

Suicide at Hartford, Conn.—Burned to Death by a Kerosene Lamp—Domestic Difficulty at Portland.

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 8.—RALPH NORTHAM, a much respected citizen of Portland, committed suicide by hanging in his barn this morning.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—MARY ANN CLINCH, a widow, aged forty-five years, while intoxicated, upset a kerosene lamp on her person this evening, and was fatally burned.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 8.—Last evening a Mrs. RUSSELL left her home, in Walker's-lane, saying that she would visit Boston. She did not make the visit, however, but at midnight returned to her home and found that her husband and the house-keeper had retired together. The husband was soon made aware of the presence of his wife, and, disliking the intrusion, fired twice at her, but without effect. The wife then ran to the attic and leaped from a window to the ground, receiving only slight injuries. She then hatched to the Station-house, and in an excited manner told the story of her grievances. Policemen went to her home and arrested the house-keeper—the husband had sought safety in flight.

WEST POINT.

Court-Martial Incidents—Rumored Outrages—The Demeanor of the Colored Cadet—The Evidence—Mutiny of a Cavalryman.

From our Special Correspondent.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Sunday, Jan. 8, 1871.

The scenes at the third session of the General Court-martial, yesterday, were quite as memorable as ever have occurred under similar circumstances. The apartment used is in the old Academy office, adjoining and on a level with the gymnasium. A long table, in the centre, is surrounded by the officers constituting the Court. They are in full uniform, even to swords and spurs, and their personal is as fine as ever was presented on a similar occasion. On the right of the Judge-Advocate is the accused cadet, J. W. SMITH, seated at a table within easy whispering distance. At another table are the reporters. Four long, straight-backed, excruciating benches, well powdered with dust, afford the only accommodation for spectators. Without, on the wet saw-dust floor, a cavalryman paces, with chattering teeth and clanking sabre, while his poor horse freezingly champs the bit. The cadet witnesses and several privates charged with various offenses, shiver as they wait their summons from within. When the Court is cleared for private deliberation, the accused, witnesses, reporters and spectators, have to gnash their teeth in the damp chill air of this miserable place.

A MUTINOUS CAVALRYMAN.

The only prominent case besides SMITH's that has been tried was that of Private DAVID BABCOCK, of the cavalry detachment. He was charged with using "threatening and abusive language to the First Sergeant, while inspecting the guard, and attempting to run his sabre through him." BABCOCK is a teamster, and on the day of the occurrence had been carting some freight from Highland Falls. Having indulged in liquor, he became impudent, and while standing in line was ordered by the Sergeant to take off the tippet that was wound about his throat. He refused. The Sergeant then attempted to remove it, when the accused poised his sabre for a lunge, exclaiming, with an oath: "If you come near me I'll run you through!" The Sergeant advanced, and BABCOCK would have carried his threat into immediate execution had not his comrades instantly disarmed him. This offense is punishable with death upon the sentence of a drum-head court-martial. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge, and upon being allowed to speak of his excuse, said: "I was in liquor or else I never would have done it, and hope the Court won't be hard on me, as it is my first offense, and I am the only support of a widowed mother. I hope my punishment will not interfere with my pay." Whether his mortified eye, flushed face, and penitential attitude will touch the iron scales of military justice, and "turn the balance on the gentler side," is uncertain. But he certainly had the sympathy of the spectators.

SMITH'S PLEA.

The ceremony of swearing in the Court was quite impressive. The officers, with right hands uplifted, stood around the table. The accused cadet SMITH stood erect, stolid and imperturbable as a statue. His kinky hair was neatly parted, his copper-tinted, mottled complexion did not show a trace of emotion, and his face wore a rigid expression, in which patience, pluck and prudence were combined. His glittering black eyes were fixed upon the Judge-Advocate while the reading of the charges and specifications was proceeded with. SMITH pleaded "Not guilty" to these in a quiet, clear and respectful tone. In answer to the question whether he had any wish to object to any member of the Court, the postponement of the trial, or to have counsel assigned him, he said: "No." The Judge-Advocate and others had urged him previously to have counsel, but he persistently declined.

THE TESTIMONY.

During the examination of the witness, Cadet G. L. ANDERSON, the accused leaned forward in his chair, fastened an earnest scrutinizing glance upon the witness' face, and seemed to not only drink in every tone in the voice, and probe the depths of his mind, but to grasp his whole presence with a magnetic force. Occasionally he would make rapid notes. ANDERSON's manner throughout was uneasy, his appearance confused, and at times his utterance incoherent. Sometimes he would come to an abrupt pause, drop his head and eyes, as though in a fit of profound abstraction. SMITH, at such times, never took his eyes off of him, but seemed to divine his very thoughts. On the cross-examination, SMITH handed to the Judge-Advocate written questions, which could not have been prepared by any adviser previously. They were hastily made upon the very spur of the moment, and displayed wonderful native shrewdness. If he ever retires from a military sphere, a fine promise, as far as spiritude is concerned, seems open in the legal profession. The substance of the evidence thus far taken shows that the technical question is narrowed down to the matter of veracity between himself and a number of comrades, as to whether or not some one or more of them did so annoy the accused while in the ranks as to provoke him to an involuntary and trivial breach of discipline.

SMITH'S EXPLANATION.

The following is an exact copy of Cadet SMITH's explanation, addressed to Gen. UPTON, commandant of the corps:

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1870.

Offense.—Inattention in ranks of new guard; failing to keep head and eyes in proper direction while guard was being formed to the left.

Explanation.—I would respectfully state that the cadet on my right crowded me, and stepped on my toe twice, the second time hurting me considerably, so that I turned my head around to see who I pulled my foot from under him. I could not help it, as he hurt my foot. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SMITH, Cadet Private A Co.

ANSWER OF THE CADET TO THE REGIMENT.

Cadet ANDERSON, the one alluded to as standing on SMITH's right on the day and occasion in question, denies stepping on his toe, or even touching him; that he had taken pains not to touch him because others had got into trouble with him; that the barrack stoop, where it happened, was a smooth matched pine floor, and although "at place rest," and then "dressing to the left" or "left backward dress," there is usually some jostling; a toe could not be stepped upon unconsciously, &c. Judging by civil-law rules, while ANDERSON's answers to the final questions of the Court, as to his recollection and decided belief that he did not step upon SMITH's toe, were affirmative, his manner throughout was not that of a clear and positive witness. Both accused and witness are in the same class. The former stands about midway, while the latter is at the head. ANDERSON is a young, well-appearing Wisconsin lad, and has always declared in favor of SMITH's receiving fair treatment. His zealous, indeed, was he in this, at one time, that his comrades became incensed, and were almost persuaded to "send him into Coventry." Now, however, he rides on the great-ways of popularity.

MYSTERIES—THE ALLEGED RUNAWAYS.

Viewed under the most favorable aspects, there are mysteries in affairs at West Point that demand a most thorough explanation before the public mind will be satisfied. The Press is too often baffled in obtaining information. There are some exceptions, but as a rule military reticence is as despotic here now as in time of war. Ex-volunteer officers, whose services in the field have not been less than those of the most eminent West Pointers, know well the value of military discipline. But they never justify it to infringe upon civil rights. It is impossible to sift the rumors (that are not disproved and yet remain unexplained) concerning alleged irregularities, if not outrages, in cadet life. The cadets dare not speak freely, nor can they be seen privately without permission—if not surveillance—from their superiors. Under the formality of "regulations," they are subject to a reign of terror. It is true that "hazing" and other diabolical practices have and do prevail in civil colleges. But with the iron discipline of West Point, if such outrages as are now commonly reported are possible, where is the value of its "discipline?" It is said that an officer of this post proceeded to Poughkeepsie, on Friday, and arrested two cadet refugees, supposed to be Cadets BAIRD and FLECKENSTEIN, from West Point, and took them back to the post. They declare that they were dragged from their quarters after dark last Wednesday night by the first class, and conveyed to the mountains, where they were directed to leave forthwith, under the penalty of being tarred and feathered. They have sent a written statement of the entire transaction to the Post Commandant. In regard to this affair, all the officers seem tongue-tied. A. ST. C.

THE RULLOFF TRIAL.

The Forging of the Chain of Circumstances Around the Prisoner.

Identity of Jarvis and Dexter Irrefutably Proved, and Their Companionship With Rulloff Established—A Brother and a Sister of the Drowned Burglars on the Stand—Rulloff's Hour of Agony in the Out-house—The Man With a Halting Step Met on Chenango Bridge.

From Our Special Correspondent.

BINGHAMTON, Saturday, Jan. 7, 1871.

The fourth day of the great trial began like all the others, with a number of people far beyond the capacity of the room waiting for admission. Public eagerness to witness the proceedings had been intensified by the dramatic events of the previous day, and Sheriff MARTIN found his office still less of a sinecure than on the previous day, because of his efforts to crowd two thousand people into the space intended for half that number. It is to the credit of the good citizens of these regions that they obeyed the orders of the Sheriff whenever it was practicable, and they did not interfere with their purpose of obtaining the best possible place for seeing and hearing. Even in this they were not rude and boisterous, and the Sheriff, with the aid of half a dozen tip-staffs, not only maintained order, but perfect quiet and decorum.

THE TESTIMONY.

The first person on the stand was EDWARD JAKON, who was recalled to prove that the watch and spectacles found upon the larger drowned man belonged to CHARLES G. CURTISS, alias Albert Jarvis, who had lived at No. 170 Third-avenue, with RULLOFF, alias Souris. The watch he swore to to the best of his knowledge, and the spectacles he swore to positively, as he identified them by a flaw in each of the glasses. Mrs. BRADY was the next witness, and testified she rented the two upper floors of the house No. 16 Graham-avenue, Williamsburg, which belonged to the DEXTER family, Mrs. DEXTER, Wm. T. DEXTER and JOHN N. DEXTER. She paid her rent always to a man they knew as Jim Howard, and pointed out the prisoner as the man. He always came to the house on the first of the month for the rent, and came last on the 7th of August, since which time she had never seen him until she saw him in Court. She then paid him the rent for August, and since that time no one has called to collect the rent. She last saw Wm. T. DEXTER on the 7th of August; he was home on the 3d, went away for four days, when he came back, and having changed his clothes, went away, since which time she has never seen him. Miss PAULINE JAKON, fifteen years of age, was next sworn, and testified that she lived with her parents at No. 170 Third-avenue, and knew that the prisoner, as EDWARD Souris, rented a floor in the house, which he occupied with a man her family knew as Charles G. Curtiss, but who is proved to be ALBERT O. JARVIS, the drowned burglar. She identified the prisoner as Souris, and the picture of JARVIS as that of the man Curtiss who had lived with the prisoner. She was shown several pairs of drawers which were in the valise found in the swamp, and identified them all by the mark J. A. in indelible ink, which she had seen JARVIS put on them, and wondered at the time why he did it, as his name was Curtiss. JOHN N. DEXTER, a brother of one of the drowned men, was sworn, and testified that he knew the prisoner as Jim Howard, and knew that he was acquainted with his brother, WILLIAM T. DEXTER, and he recognized the smaller of the two men as that brother. He had frequently seen his brother in company with the prisoner, and once saw both of them with JARVIS. Jointly with his brother and mother he had executed a mortgage on the Graham-avenue property to ISABELLA ARMSTRONG to secure a loan of $500 obtained for them by JARVIS. He knew this mortgage was held by the prisoner, who collected the rent for the portion occupied by Mrs. BRADY. Witness knew JARVIS as Charles Thompson, the same name by which he was known to Mr. FETTERIDGE, through whom the loan was negotiated. Mrs. HELEN WARDWELL, a sister of ALBERT T. JARVIS, who lives at Heart's Falls, twelve miles from Troy, identified a letter directed to "ALBERT T. JARVIS, No. 170 Third-avenue, New-York City," which arrived at that place the next day after Souris and Curtiss left the house, as testified to by Miss JAKON, who had received the letter and kept it in charge unopened until Capt. HEDDEN seized all the articles in the room on the evening of Oct. 18. Mrs. WARDWELL testified she wrote the letter on the 14th of August, mailed it, (as was shown by the post-mark of Aug. 15,) and that she had never received an answer to it nor heard of her brother alive since that date. The time of the departure of the prisoner and JARVIS, alias Curtiss, from the house of No. 170 Third-avenue, was thus fixed by this letter, and the testimony of PAULINE and EDWARD JAKON as Monday, Aug. 15. Miss JAKON swore they left in the morning.

ANOTHER INCIDENT IN THE PRISONER'S LIFE.

A new phase of the case as to time and place was presented in the testimony of ORLANDO R. WELSH, of the Ithaca Hotel, in Ithaca, Tompkins County, in which house ALBERT T. JARVIS had been a guest four different times in the months of February and March, 1869, under his proper name. He identified the larger of the two drowned men positively as the man ALBERT T. JARVIS who was such guest. With the next witness, ISAAC W. BROWN, late Sheriff of Cortland County, the prisoner of multiform names and aspects appeared in yet another capacity and with still another cognomen. A man calling himself Davenport, but who has been identified to be the same person as WM. T. DEXTER, spent nine months of the year 1869 in charge of BROWN, in the Cortland Jail. During his incarceration a letter was received by one of the Deputy Sheriffs from a person signing himself JAMES E. DALTON, who claimed to be an attorney, and made inquiries in relation to the case of Davenport. Shortly afterward a man whom the witness recognized as the prisoner presented himself to the Sheriff as JAMES E. DALTON, and at one of his interviews with that official attempted to bribe him by the offer of $500 to permit DEXTER, alias Davenport, to escape from prison. The attempt to introduce this evidence brought RULLOFF to his feet for the second time during the session—as he had before interrupted Mrs. BRADY—to object to it as irrelevant, and it was excluded, after the jury had heard it. RULLOFF was strangely excited by this revivor of one of the facts of his tortuous life, for when Mr. HOPKINS said that his object was to show that the prisoner took more interest in Davenport than attorneys usually do in clients, as he was ready to spend money for him, RULLOFF testily replied: "I would do as much for my client as you, provided I had the money of a county at my command," and he ended the episode by remarking, *sotto voce*, "D—n such evidence." The testimony as to the identity of the Cortland prisoner Davenport with the drowned burglar DEXTER was further strengthened by CHARLES BROWN, a young son of the Sheriff, who had bought off Davenport, while a prisoner of his father, a copy of the fortune-telling book called *Nameless Oculum*, which, or one exactly like it, was found on the body of DEXTER when it was dragged out of the Chenango River.

CAPTURE OF THE PRISONER.

The scene shifted again to Binghamton, and to the sight of and succeeding the tragedy in the testimony of CYRUS A. STOCKWELL, one of the party who captured BULLOFF, or, rather, received him after his capture by LIVINGSTONE. STOCKWELL being, with others, upon guard at the point where the railroad bridge crosses Court-street at the outskirts of the city, about midnight saw a man walking on the track, and called to him to halt, which he refused to do, making no answer. Before STOCKWELL could reach the man, a long coal train rushed between them, and when it had passed the man had disappeared. He and his comrades began a protracted search for the man, which was finally ended by the call of LIVINGSTONE that he had the man. They then went back to the house, near where the man had been first seen, and LIVINGSTONE delivered to them the prisoner, BULLOFF. While they were taking him down to Chief FLYNN, BULLOFF gave conflicting accounts of himself. CHAUNCEY LIVINGSTONE testified how he was awakened by the noise of the Stockwell party, and, believing they were intent upon stealing his fruit, sat down on his back porch to watch them. He sat there a long time, an hour or more, smoking. It was a clear night, and surrounding objects distinctly visible. For a long time he saw nothing, heard nothing which attracted his especial attention. As he sat on his porch, the out-house in his yard was in plain view, the door being toward him, and open, for, had it been shut, he would have supposed some one to be in there, and would have gone to it at once. At last, he imagined the shadow on the inside of the out-house was too dark to be natural. He looked and wondered for some moments, and the longer he looked the more that shadow troubled him, until at last he got up and walked to the out-house, plated in hand, and there in the corner, crouching in the smallest possible space, and scarcely breathing, in which almost unendurable position he had been without moving for more than an hour, was EDWARD H. RULLOFF, the prisoner at the bar. At the mouth of a pistol RULLOFF was ordered out, and came, at first giving his name as Charles Augustus, but afterward as George Williams.

THE CORONER'S STORY.

After the recess JOHN P. WORTHING, Coroner of Broome County, was put upon the stand, and identified the articles found in the stone and upon the bodies of the two drowned men, which have been proved to belong to the prisoner, WM. T. DEXTER, or to ALBERT T. JARVIS. The witness told how RULLOFF had been confronted with the two bodies of the drowned, and having carefully examined them from two different points of view, said solemnly, "I never saw either of them before in my life." The Coroner was unusually excited in our function of his office in so nearly fixing the various articles found in the stone and on the dead men, so that he was unable to swear to any of them positively, but it fortunately happened that all had been in official custody from the moment they were found until produced in Court, and the case was not injured by the neglect of the Coroner. The examination of the witness was quite protracted, as his evidence was required to legally establish many facts previously well known, but the point of new interest was as to the hat RULLOFF had worn when first arrested. When he was brought before the Coroner, Friday evening, he had a silk hat in good order, which he put on his knee, rim down, when he sat down, and the Coroner inviting him to place his hat on the table, he declined, saying that he would prefer to hold it. Next morning, when he appeared before the Coroner, this good hat had been changed into a smoke-scrip cap by cutting off the body to within two or three inches of the crown. By the testimony of Sheriff MARTIN, it was subsequently shown that RULLOFF thus mutilated his hat, and had cut the missing parts into minute pieces, and so thrown them away that they had been lost; from these facts the prosecution, of course, wished it to be inferred that the lower part of the hat had on it some mark of guilt, or it would not have been destroyed.

THE PRISONER'S SHOES AND OTHER MATTERS.

From this point forward the case dragged for two hours, and by means of several witnesses through facts before adduced in evidence and familiar to the public, only relieved by the testimony of Mr. S. H. SWEET, a shoemaker, who had tried the shoes found in the store on the feet of RULLOFF and found that they fitted him precisely. His left foot is deformed by three large protuberances on the outside, and the large toe being gouty, the left shoe of the Oxford ties found in the store had a raised surface to fit these protuberances and a depression which would have naturally been made by want of a large toe to hold it up. This evidence was strongly corroborated by Mr. WM. WEST, another pair of large experience in shoes, who also identified that at the present time there are very few patent leather Oxford ties such as those found in the store made or worn. The next important witness was Mr. E. S. SPAULDING, who testified that on the afternoon of Tuesday, Aug. 16, between 3 and 4 o'clock, while crossing the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad bridge over the Chenango river in Binghamton, he met a man to whom his attention was particularly attracted by the singularity of his gait, caused by his favoring his left foot. As the man got near him he stepped upon the stringers to allow the man to pass, and as he got abreast, Mr. SPAULDING said "Good-day, sir;" the man stared him in the face, made no reply and passed on. The man had on a silk hat, dark coat and pants, white socks, low shoes, and carried an umbrella and a satchel, and he then swore positively that the man he thus met was the same of the tragedy, a few hours before the occurrence, was the prisoner, EDWARD H. RULLOFF, who, when captured a few hours afterward, was dressed, and had the articles described. On cross-examination Mr. SPAULDING said he first knew RULLOFF twenty-five years ago, before his marriage, when he was a clerk in a grocery store in Ithaca, and there knew him well, because he did business with him. RULLOFF next was a school teacher at Caroline, Tompkins County, and he did not see him after that until he saw him twelve or thirteen years ago in the State's Prison, after which he never met him again, until he met him on the bridge. The witness was subjected to the most rigid cross-examination by Mr. BEALES and Mr. BECKER, but he unflinchingly adhered to his story and resolutely maintained that the man with the halting step and of singular silence whom he met on the Chenango bridge on the afternoon of Tuesday, Aug. 16, was not and could be no other than the prisoner EDWARD H. RULLOFF. The presence of the prisoner in the City on the day preceding the tragedy was further shown by EDGAR A. STONE, who testified that he met a man whom he believes to have been EDWARD H. RULLOFF between 12 and 1 o'clock, Tuesday, Aug. 16, in the bar-room of the Lewis House.

THE BURGLARY.

The last witness of the day was D. M. HULBERT, one of the parties who testified to the commission of the burglary, the shooting and death of the clerk, but his testimony presented nothing new, except the fact that the store had been entered last May and robbed of $600 worth of goods when the same two clerks, BOROUGHS and MYRICK, slept there, but in the front part, and the goods had been taken from the rear, in consequence of which fact the firm had never found any fault with the clerks on account of the robbery. The testimony of this witness concluded the labor of the day, which had been protracted, as usual, to nine hours, during all of which time, with the brief exceptions noted, RULLOFF had remained silent in his seat and permitted his counsel, Messrs. BECKER and BEALES, to conduct his case. It is supposed the evidence of the prosecution will all be in on Monday, and the case brought to a conclusion on Wednesday. Whatever the verdict, this is already one of the most extraordinary cases of crime given by circumstantial evidence upon record. E. C.

Meteorological Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Sunday, Jan. 8, at 11:22 o'clock:

Place of Observation.	Barometer corrected for temperature.	Temperature.	Dew Point.	Relative Humidity.	Force of the Wind.	State of the Weather.
Augusta, Ga.	30.40	46	N.		Very gentle	Clear.
Baltimore	30.17	34	N.		Brisk	Cloudy.
Boston	30.10	11	N.		Gentle	Fair.
Buffalo	30.20	17	N. E.		Very gentle	Cloudy.
Charleston	30.00	48	W.		Gentle	Fair.
Cheyenne	30.01	51	W.		Very high	Cloudy.
Cincinnati	30.22	34	N. W.		Gentle	Cloudy.
Cleveland	30.27	23	N. E.		Gentle	Fair.
Detroit	30.25	20	N. E.		Very gentle	Cloudy.
Duluth	30.30	8			Calm	Cloudy.
Key West	30.12	66	E.		Gentle	Fair.
Lake City	30.14	46			Calm	Clear.
Milwaukee	30.44	19	N

can only be maintained by a garrison of twenty-five or thirty thousand troops, a powerful naval force, and an annual expenditure for both arms of the service of at least $12,000,000? Cuba, at this moment, costs more to Spain than the entire naval and military establishment of the United States costs the Federal Government. So far from being really injured by the loss of this island, there is no doubt that, were it peacefully transferred to the United States, a prosperous commerce between Cuba and Spain, resulting from ancient associations and common language and tastes, would be far more productive than the best contrived system of colonial taxation. Such, notoriously, has been the result to Great Britain of the establishment of the independence of the United States. The decline of Spain from that position which she held in the time of CHARLES V. is owing, not with the month-ion of her colonial system; while within twenty-five years, and ever since the loss of most of her colonies, she has entered upon a course of rapid improvement, unknown since the abdication of that Emperor. I will but allude to an evil of the first magnitude—I mean the African slave-trade, with the atrocities of which France and England have made a lively interest—an evil which still forms a great reproach upon the civilization of Christendom, and perpetuates the barbarism of Africa, but for which, it is to be feared, there is no hope of a complete remedy while Cuba remains a Spanish colony.

But, whatever may be thought of these last suggestions, it would seem impossible for any one who reads with the eyes glanced at in this note to mistake the law of American growth and progress, or think it can be ultimately arrested by a convention like that proposed. In the last paragraph of the President's message he says: "Cuba, of the Pearl of the Antilles, would be as easy to throw a gem from Cape Florida to Cuba, in the hope of stopping the flow of the Gulf stream, as to attempt, by a compulsory title, to fix the fortunes of Cuba, now, and for hereafter; or, as expressed in the French text of the Convention, for the present, and for the future. That is, for all time. The history of the past—of the recent past—affords no assurance that twenty years hence France or England will even wish that Spain should retain Cuba; and a century hence, neither of the three Powers will care a button, or pause a moment to be apprehended, viz., an internal convulsion which should renew the horrors and the fate of San Domingo.

I will intimate a final objection to the proposed convention. M. de Turgeot and Lord Malmesbury put forward, as the reason for the 'Ten Years' war into which the Cuban rebels have lately been made on the island of Cuba by a motley band of adventurers from the United States, with the avowed design of taking possession of that island.

The President is convinced that the conclusion of such a treaty, instead of putting a 'stop' to these lawless proceedings, would give a new and powerful impulse to them. It would strike a death blow to the Conservative policy hitherto pursued in this country toward Cuba. No administration of this Government, however strong in the public confidence, in others respects, could venture, or, if they ventured, would be in a position to carry out the notion of having stipulated with the great Powers of Europe, that in no future time, under no change of circumstances, by no amicable arrangement with Spain, by no act of lawful war, should that calamity unfortunately occur, by no consent of the inhabitants of the island themselves, that the Queen of Spain, or the American continent, succeed in rendering themselves independent; in fine, by no overruling necessity of self-preservation should the United States ever make the acquisition of Cuba.

For these reasons, which the President has thought it advisable, considering the importance of the subject, to unfold in more ample terms, he feels constrained to decline respectfully the invitation of France and England to become parties to the proposed Convention. He is persuaded that these friendly Powers will not attribute this refusal to any responsibility on his part to the adverse decision of the Senate touching the Reciprocity Treaty, or any other measure of a purely maritime State can a subject of such importance. As little will Spain draw any unfavorable inference from this refusal; the rather, as the emphatic disclaimer of any designs against Cuba on the part of this Government, contained in the present message, affords the assurance which the President can, constitutionally, or to any useful purpose, give of a practical concurrence with France and England in the wish not to disturb the possession of that island by Spain."—[Executive Documents, Senate, Thirty-second Congress, second session, Document No. 13 page 20.]

But to come down to a more recent date. In the *Atlantic Monthly* for September, 1867, is an elaborate and erudite paper, entitled "Prophetic Voices About America: A Monograph." This paper was written by the distinguished Senator from Massachusetts, who now opposes the annexation of San Domingo. The conclusion of this most able and interesting paper is as follows:

"Such are some of the prophetic voices about America, differing in character and importance, but all having one augury, and opening one vista, illimitable in extent and vastness. Farewell to the idea of Montesquieu, that a republic can exist only in a small territory. Ancient prophecy foretold another world beyond the ocean, which, in the minds of Christopher Columbus, was nothing less than the Orient, with its inexhaustible treasures. Then came the succession of prophets, who discovered the future of this continent, beginning with that rare genius, Sir Thomas Browne, in the reign of Charles II., while the settlements were in their infancy, predicted their growth in power and civilization; and then that rarest character, Bishop Berkeley, who, in the reign of George I., while the settlements were still feeble and undeveloped, heralded the Western empire as the 'Time's noblest offspring.' These voices are general. Others more precise followed. Turgot, the philosopher and minister, saw in youth, with the vision of genius, that all colonies must at their maturity drop from the parent stem like ripe fruit. John Adams, one of the chiefs of our own history, in a youth illumined with the fire of Turgot, saw the importance of the colonies in population and power, followed by the transfer of empire to America; then the glory of independence and its joyous celebration by grateful generations; then the triumph of our institutions; and, finally, the establishment of our republican institutions over all North America.

Then came the Abbe Galiani, the Neapolitan Frenchman, who, writing from Naples while our struggle was still undecided, gayly predicts the total downfall of Europe, the transmigration to America, and the consummation of the greatest revolution of the Globe by establishing the reign of America over Europe.

There is also Adam Smith, the illustrious philosopher, who quietly carries the seat of Government across the Atlantic. Meanwhile, Pownall, made a Colonial Governor, and then a member of Parliament, in successive works of great detail, foreshadows a new and enlarged commercial prosperity, immigration from the Old World, and a new national life, destined to supersede the systems of Europe and arouse the 'curses' of royal ministers. Hartley, also a member of Parliament, and the British negotiator of the Treaty of Independence, bravely announces in Parliament that as the New World is before the colonists, and that liberty is theirs; and afterward, as diplomatist, instructs his Government that, through the attraction of our public lands, immigration will be quickened beyond precedent, and the national debt extinguished by the purchase of the Spanish statesman and diplomatist, predicts to his King that the United States, though born a 'pigmy,' will soon be a 'colossus,' under whose influence Spain will lose all her American possessions, except only Cuba and Porto Rico. Lastly, there is Thomas Paine, long forgotten a hundred years, and, behold! our people rejoicing in the centenary of their independence. Fox, the liberal statesman, foresees the increasing might and various relations of the United States, so that a blow aimed at them must have a rebound as destructive as itself. Canning, the brilliant and gifted, the much-admired Canning, the orator, discerns the New World, with its republics just called into being, redressing the balance of the old. Corbett, whose fame will be second only to that of Adam Smith among all in this catalogue, calmly predicts the separation of Canada from the mother country by peaceable means. Alaman, the Mexican statesman and historian, announces that Mexico, which has already known so many successive masters, will hereafter be ruled by yet another people, who will take the place of the present possessors, and with these prophetic words he draws a pall over his country.

All these various voices, of different times and countries, mingle and intertwine in representing the great future of our Republic, which, from small beginnings, has already become great. It was at first only a grain of mustard-seed, which is, indeed, the least of all seeds; but, when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Better still, it was only a little leaven, but it is fast leavening the whole Continent. Nearly all who have prophesied, speak of America or North America, and not of any limited circle, colony or state. It was so at the beginning, with Sir Thomas Browne and especially with Berkeley. During our revolution, the Colonies struggling for independence, were always described by this continental designation. They were already America, or North America, thus incidentally foreshadowing that semi-at time when the whole Continent, with all its various States, shall be a plural unit, with one constitution, one liberty, and one destiny. This theme was also taken up by the poet, and popularized in the often quoted lines:

'No paltry Union contracts our powers,
The whole boundless Continent is ours.'

Such grandeur may justly excite anxiety rather than pride, for duties are in correspondingly magnificent. There is occasion for humility also, as the individual considers his own insignificance in the transcendent mass. The tiny polyp, in its unconscious life, builds the everlasting coral; each citizen is little more than the industrious insect. The result is accomplished by combined and combined exertion. Millions of citizens, working in obedience to nature, can accomplish anything. Of course, war is an instrumentality which a true civilization disowns. Here some of our prophets have erred. Sir Thomas Browne was so much overshadowed by his own age, that his vision was darkened by 'great armies,' and even 'hostile and piratical attacks' on Europe. It was natural that D'Alembert, schooled in worldly affairs, should imagine the new-born power would seize the Spanish possessions.

Among our own countrymen, Jefferson looked to war for the extension of dominion. 'The Floridas,' he says, on one occasion, 'are ours on the first moment of war, and until war they are of no particular necessity to us.' Happily they were acquired in another way. Then again, while declaring that no Constitution was ever before so calculated as ours for extensive empire and self-government, and insisting upon Canada as a component part, he calmly says that 'this would be, of course, in the first war.'

Afterward, while confessing a longing for Cuba, 'as the most interesting addition that could ever be made to our system of States,' he says that 'he is sensible this can never be obtained, even with her own consent, without war.' Thus at each stage is the baptism of blood. In much better mood the good Bishop recognized empire as moral, gently in the mildway of light. All this is much clearer now than when he prophesied. It is easy to see that empire obtained by force is unrepublican, and offensive to that first principle of our Union, according to which all just government stands only on the consent of the governed. Our country needs no such ally as war. Through peace it will have everything. This is our talisman. Give us peace, and population will increase beyond all experience; resources of all kinds will multiply infinitely; arts will embellish the land with immortal beauty; the name of Republican will be exalted, until every neighbor, yielding to irresistible attraction, will seek a new life in becoming a part of the great whole; and the national example will be more potent than army or navy for the conquest of the world."—[Atlantic Monthly, September, 1867.

In full accordance with the broad views thus eloquently announced was the action of the eminent Senator from Massachusetts upon the question of the acquisition of Alaska. In his speech in favor of that measure, Mr. Sumner enumerates our territorial acquisitions as follows:

"Our territorial acquisitions are among the landmarks of our history. In 1803, Louisiana, embracing the valley of the Mississippi, was acquired from France for $15,000,000. In 1819, Florida was acquired from Spain for $5,000,000. In 1845, Texas was annexed without any purchase, but subsequently her debt was assumed to the amount of $7,500,000. In 1848, California, New-Mexico and Utah were acquired from Mexico after war, and on payment of $15,000,000. In 1854 Arizona was acquired from Mexico for $10,000,000. And now it is proposed to acquire Russian America." [See pamphlet copy of speech as published.]

The acquisition of Alaska was effected through the earnest advocacy of Mr. Sumner of the treaty of purchase. Is the proposed annexation of the eastern portion of the Island of San Domingo, constituting the Dominican Republic, (second only to Cuba in importance,) the admission of its people, in a territorial condition, upon their own application, to the enjoyment of stability, security and the full fruition of Republican institutions within our Union, a departure from the policy so ably set forth and sustained by the high authorities that have been quoted? Is it not rather, based as it is upon the free consent and volition of the people interested, on both sides, for the first time an example of the course that should be pursued hereafter in the further expansion of our national boundaries, the true policy of peace through which the name of our Republic "will be exalted, until every neighbor, yielding to irresistible attraction, will seek a new life in becoming a part of the great whole; and the national example will be more potent than army or navy for the conquest of the world?"

Our acquisitions heretofore, with one exception, have been by purchase, or through violence. That of San Domingo is proposed only upon the initiative and free consent, expressed through the peaceful vote of the people interested. Let it be shown to Congress, or to the President, that it is not a fact, what the evidence thus far has represented, that the people of the Dominican Republic fully and freely desire to merge their political existence in that of the United States by annexation, and the whole scheme falls at once to the ground. That the facts are as asserted upon this point, is the cardinal basis upon which the entire proposition rests.

TEHUANTEPEC SHIP-CANAL.

Abstract of the Act of Concession of the Mexican Congress—Conditions and Restrictions of the Franchise.

City of Mexico, Dec. 22.—The following is an epitome of the ship-canal concession, which passed the Mexican Congress on the 19th of December, and has now become a law:

Article 1. Authorizes the Tehuantepec Railway Company to construct a ship-canal and its appurtenances, in addition to its railway, across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, to connect the waters of the Gulf of Mexico with the Pacific Ocean. The canal is to be of a depth sufficient to pass ships drawing nineteen feet of water, and the concession is for ninety-nine years, the Mexican Government to protect the execution, preservation and security of the work.

Art. 2. Explorations and surveys to be completed within three years, and plans and profiles to be submitted to the President of Mexico for approval. Work on the canal to commence within one year after the plans are approved.

Art. 3. Exonerates a bond from the Company in the sum of $40,000, that plans shall be presented within three years.

Art. 4. The obligation of the Company to do the work required may be suspended by a fortuitous case or by *force majeure*.

Provision is made for the proper interest to be given to the Government of the same, for emoluments, and the recommencement of the work.

Art. 5. Right of way shall be free, and one-half of the public lands within five miles on each side of the canal is to be granted in aid of its construction.

Art. 6. Private lands may be taken for the use of the Company, whenever necessary, by indemnifying the owners according to law; but public lands and materials may be taken gratis.

Art. 7. During the construction of the canal, the Company may import to the Isthmus the materials, machinery, tools, coal, carriages and other useful articles, duty free; and after the canal is completed, the Company may import, duty free, for ninety-nine years, the machinery and hard coal that it may require.

Art. 8. For ninety-nine years the Mexican Government will exact no contribution for transit through the canal, nor on the capital invested therein; after that time the works become the property of the Government.

Art. 9. After twenty years the Government will be entitled to twenty per cent. of the net profits when dividends are paid to the stockholders.

Art. 10. The tariff and regulations governing the use of the canal and other works, are to be made by the Company, and submitted to the President of Mexico for his approval.

Art. 11. The Company to build two lighthouses, one on each coast, which are to become the property of the Government.

Art. 12. The transit through the canal shall be free to all the inhabitants of the globe. All nations may use it in time of peace for transportation of their troops, munitions, and vessels of war; but its entrance shall be vigorously closed to troops, munitions, and vessels of war belonging to nations which may be at war with one another or with others. The canal shall be neutral, and open to all nations at peace with the Republic of Mexico; but the transit and other dues shall be increased twenty-five per cent. on vessels and merchandise having no treaty of neutrality with Mexico with respect to the transit of the canal.

Art. 13. The direction and management of the canal shall belong to the Company; but the Government reserves the right to appoint one-fourth of the number of directors, who shall have the same prerogatives as those elected by the stockholders. The Company shall make an annual report to the President of Mexico.

Art. 14. The Company, though formed abroad, shall be deemed exclusively Mexican, and if it thinks proper, may form separate companies for the carrying out of its several operations, and may organize said companies either in the Republic of Mexico or in the United States, under general or special laws of the place where formed.

Art. 15. All persons now and hereafter engaged in the enterprise are to be regarded as naturalized Mexicans.

Art. 16. The restrictions of the previous article shall not affect differences arising between aliens and stockholders outside of the Republic, nor shall the decisions of foreign tribunals affect the provisions of this law nor Mexican interests.

Art. 17. The Company cannot transfer, alienate, or mortgage the concession, nor the canal and its accessories, without the consent of the Mexican Government, and in no case can it be done to a foreign Government; nor can a foreign Government or State become a partner in the enterprise. The Company may issue and sell bonds and other obligations without the approval of the Government, in such amounts and at such prices as it may see fit, and may mortgage the canal and its accessory works to private individuals or associations.

Art. 18. The grant shall become null and void. 1. If the surveys and plans of the canal are not made within three years; 2. If the work is not commenced within one year after the plans are approved by the President of Mexico; 3. If $1,000,000 are not expended in the first year after the works have been commenced, and $3,000,000 per annum thereafter, until the works are completed, except in case of *force majeure* duly proved; 4. For violation of any of the expressed provisions of this law, as enumerated; 5. In case of forfeiture of the railway concession; 6. In case of neglect for 365 consecutive days to keep the canal open for use.

Art. 19. In case of the forfeiture of the grant the Company shall lose the concession, but will retain as its own property, until the expiration of ninety-nine years, the works which it shall have constructed. But the successors of the Company shall have the right to take the same at an appraisement.

Art. 20. All doubts and controversy as to the interpretation or execution of this law will be decided by the competent Federal tribunals of the Mexican Republic.

Art. 21. The Company shall appoint a representative, to reside in the City of Mexico, who shall have power and instructions to treat with the Federal Government and other authorities upon all matters in the present concession.

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

The Difference Between "Tweedledum" and "Tweedledee."

It has been a much-vexed question as to what constitutes the difference between "Tweedledum" and "Tweedledee." In fact, so hopeless has the question seemed of solution that philosophers have given up the attempt and left it to stand as a monument of how easily small things like "fools and children" can puzzle wise men, since which it often is used in place of the threadbare "six in the one and half a dozen in the other."

This explanation may, perchance, help us to appreciate more fully the astonishment that at last this "apple of discord" has been disposed of, and, like a great many other similar difficulties, has been solved by the enterprising "spirit of the age." Every one remembers how seven different cities of Greece disputed the honor of having been the place where the "blind poet" first saw the light of what *Sir Peter Teazle* called a "damned wicked world," and in a somewhat similar spirit of rivalry has New-York contended with her sister cities over the difference between Tweedledum and Tweedledee; it certainly, therefore, cannot fail to make the heart of every true New-Yorker swell with pride and delight to know that to his beloved City has the prize of discovery at last been awarded.

What lasting fame, then, is the additional charge to the fact that it has finally been settled that there does in reality exist no difference, and as if to prove that money can do more than "make the mare go," the pains of solution is to be given to some of the most wealthy citizens of the Empire City.

Credit is due to the genius of Mr. Astor, Mr. Taylor, et al., to say that they deserve the hearty thanks of every member of the community for the ingenuity and disinterestedness with which they have thrown themselves in the breach, and by siding with Tweedledum, have proved that between it and themselves, (or Tweedledee,) there does not exist the slightest difference.

Of course, it is not necessary to call upon the community to tender its thanks for the timely manner in which they have opened the eyes of all their fellow-citizens to what till now has been a most perplexing question.

THE AUTHOR.

Minnesota a Repudiator.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your paper of this morning you speak of the promptitude of Western States in freeing themselves from debt. I think Minnesota may be properly classed as an exception to this rule.

In 1858, Minnesota, failing in having her railroads pushed forward as rapidly as they were required, passed a law directing State bonds to be issued and exchanged for railroad bonds to the amount of $10,000 per mile. This exchange was made, that the railroads might have the credit of the State in making their negotiations. Over $3,000,000 were thus issued and sold. When the railroad companies failed to pay their interest, the State refused to pay theirs, and continue to refuse to this day. It is the case of a man who loans his note for a consideration and then refuses to pay.

Western credit will be impaired when the repudiation of bonds with the broad seal of the State, and signed by its officers attached, is stopped. Until then the holders of these bonds can look at the seal and signatures and sigh for the time when repudiation shall be no more.

A BONDHOLDER.

New-York, Friday, Jan. 6, 1871.

Jurors' Fees.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

That clause of the new Jury law which provides for the payment of jurors presents that—

"Each juror shall be entitled to receive for every cause in which he shall be empanelled or if the cause be tried, and fifty cents if default be made, to be paid by the Clerk of the Court and to be collected by him, fifty cents before the cause shall be placed on the calendar, and, if a trial be had, fifty cents before the verdict shall be entered."

Now, as a goodly proportion of the several thousand cases that are annually placed upon the calendar in this City are never brought to trial, being settled or referred, and as the law appears to make no provision for the refunding or other disposition of the six dollars which have been collected in each of these cases, it becomes a matter of some interest to know where all these "little odds and ends" go to. No doubt the omission in the provision for them in the law was purely accidental. Will you not kindly suggest its rectification to our Democratic Legislature, for it seems a pity that the money should lie idle.

MNEAS.

New-York, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1871.

The Friends of United Italy.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In looking over your editorials of this day's issue, I perceive that "even our most eminent lawyers, whose tongues," &c., have "engagements in the Supreme Court," so that they find themselves wholly unable to attend the "meeting for Italian liberty."

While I do not claim rank with our most eminent lawyers, I am perfectly acquainted with the subject, and am willing to speak at said meeting. Very respectfully yours,

CHAUNCEY SHAFFER.

New-Haven Railroad.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Senator Cauldwell's bill, in relation to the New-Haven Railroad, would minister to the convenience of a few inhabitants of Westchester County and deprive thousands of others, citizens of New-York and Connecticut, of from half to three-quarters of an hour daily. The most convenient trains on the New-Haven Road are those denominated "local express," which stop at the stations on one-half of the road, and run direct to New-York over the other half. This bill proposes to deprive us of the great advantage gained by this system, and make "accommodation" trains slower than they now are, which is unnecessary. If the people of Fordham, &c., want more trains, I suppose they may be furnished, but hope it may not be at the expense of citizens of Connecticut, especially those of Norwalk.

Williamsbridge has two trains of the Harlem Road, to New-York and six from it, while the other stations have five to New-York and four from. Do the reformers want to add to these nine down trains of the New-Haven Road and ten up trains? Some of those follow closely behind New-York and Harlem trains, others precede them. What would it avail to have the trains within fifteen minutes?

A. S. G.

The Platform of the New-Hampshire Republicans.

The most striking of the resolutions adopted by the New-Hampshire Republican State Convention are in full as follows:

Resolved, That, in the fulfillment of its mission, it is the duty of the Republican Party to establish and enforce such a national system of education as shall secure to every child, of whatever race or color, the protection of Government, of sufficient capacity, to enhance and improve such opportunities for mental and moral culture, as will qualify him to discharge with fidelity the duties of citizenship, he responsible duties of an American citizen.

Resolved, That all laws which favor capital at the expense of labor, or offer a bounty to accumulated wealth at the expense of industry, are unjust, inconsistent with the principles of democratic republicanism, and we hereby repudiate and denounce them as in direct conflict with the purposes and aims of the Republican Party.

Resolved, That, as the success of any system of government depends almost wholly upon the character and ability of those who administer its affairs, it is preeminently important, in a free Republic, that the election of public officers, should be determined by merit and qualifications; we are therefore in favor of rigidly applying the Jeffersonian test of honesty and capacity to the choice and appointment of all officers in the civil service.

Resolved, That we protest against the so-called reform movement, now being inaugurated by a few proud Republicans, in concert with the great body of Democrats, because while we desire, in common with the great majority of the people, that all taxation shall be reduced so far and so fast as is consistent with the economical administration of the Government, we still believe that necessary taxes should be imposed chiefly upon the rich, rather than the poor, upon the luxuries of life, rather than its necessaries, and that a duty sufficient to protect American manufactures from direct competition with the products of our own industry, is essential to the well-being and permanent prosperity of the nation.

Resolved, That the sympathies of the Republican Party have ever been, and still are, with and for the laboring men of this country; prompted by this sympathy we have ever been in favor of granting land to actual settlers, free from the slave, and throw upon the public domain for the location of free homesteads for the working man thereon. We have always favored all legislation calculated to advance the true interests of labor, and will continue so to do.

Resolved, That the wealth of the nation should pay its debt, and hence we are opposed to abolishing the income tax, or taxes upon those luxuries that wealth only can afford, while we favor the reduction of all taxes upon the necessaries of life.

Resolved, That the Republican Party of New-Hampshire looks with alarm upon the efforts made to squander the public lands under the interest of schemes backed by railroad speculators, lobbyists and stock-gamblers, and improvide by each and every one of those parties who is opposed to them, notwithstanding the fact that they give a good deal of money to the party, who who who

THE NEW-JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

The Opening Session To-Morrow—Names of the Members-Elect—Rumors—General Remarks.

To-morrow the ninety-fifth session of the New-Jersey Legislature will commence at Trenton. This evening the usual caucus of the majority will be held, to have an understanding with one another as to the officers to be elected, so that a prompt organization of both Houses may be effected. For the first time in several years, the political complexion of the Legislature is Republican, a fact which has given rise to much speculation and gossip, touching the measures to be brought forward for legislation. The following is a complete list of the members of both Houses, the Republicans being printed in Roman, and the Democrats in italics:

SENATE.

County.	Name.	Term Expires.
Atlantic	Jesse Adams	1873
Bergen	James J. Bridgeboy	1871
Burlington	Henry S. Lore	1874
Camden	Edward Bettle	1872
Cape May	Thomas Beesley	1874
Cumberland	James H. Rizzo	1872
Essex	John W. Taylor	1872
Gloucester	Samuel Hopkins	1872
Hudson	Noah D. Taylor	1872
Hunterdon	David H. Vaughan	1874
Mercer	Henry C. Pitney	1872
Middlesex	Levi D. Lockwood	1874
Monmouth	*Henry S. Little*	1872
Morris	Columbus Beach	1872
Ocean	John Terrey, Jr.	1872
Passaic	Henry A. Williams	1874
Salem	John C. Sculls	1872
Somerset	Cadwalader	1874
Sussex	Richard S. Newell	1874
Union	James T. Wiley	1872
Warren	Robert J. Byrd	1872

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Atlantic—Benjamin H. Overholtzer.
Bergen—Jacob G. Van Riper, Henry A. Hopper.
Burlington—John J. Maxwell, Abraham Perkins, Thomas G. Alcott, Edward T. Thompson.
Camden—Charles Wilson, Isaac W. Nicholson, Reuben Leslie.
Cape May—Richard S. Leaming.
Cumberland—Charles C. Greenwood, William A. Moore.
Essex—Joseph F. Sanxay, Albert R. Condit, Forrest Kitchel, Edmund L. Joy, Theodore Horn, Reuben Heisenbottle, Henry W. Wilson, William A. Ripley, James G. Irwin.
Gloucester—Samuel Woolery, John S. Rulon.
Hudson—James F. Fielder, John Ancona, George Warren, Herman D. Bunch, Michael Coogan, Dutch Hamburger.
Hunterdon—John Kugler, Peter Vanderbeck.
Mercer—Joseph H. Brewer, William H. Batten, Lincoln T. Robins.
Middlesex—Isaac L. Fisher, Albert E. Runyon, Edward F. Roberts.
Monmouth—*Austin H. Patterson, John P. Bedell, William S. Horner.*
Morris—Nathaniel Miles, W. B. Lefevre, *Augustus C. Cornfield.*
Ocean—Albert M. Bradshaw.
Passaic—*John O'Brien*, Charles Hemingway, Robert H. Torbet.
Salem—*John Hickman, Jr., John W. Dickerson.*
Somerset—*James Doty*, John E. Staats.
Sussex—*Lodowic Martin, Peter Smith.*
Union—*Ferdinand Blanck, Joseph W. Yoler.*
Warren—*Abraham Purcell, Caleb H. Valentine, William Shoverbery.*

Republican majority in the Senate, 3; in the House of Assembly, 8; majority on joint ballot, 11.

The most important business that will come before the Legislature will be the election of a United States Senator in place of Hon. A. G. CATTELL. At present the indications are that the contest will lie between Hon. F. T. FRELINGHUYSEN and Mr. CORTLANDT PARKER and Hon. D. S. GREGORY, ex-Governor, are prominent candidates, but it seems to be the general opinion among politicians and others well acquainted with the public feeling that Messrs. FRELINGHUYSEN and PARKER will have the controlling influence. FRELINGHUYSEN's great services to the party in the Senate and on the stump, and Mr. PARKER's liberal contributions to the success achieved by the Republicans in the last State campaign, are their recommendations to the office. Mr. PARKER was two years ago the candidate of a large portion of the Republicans of the State Convention for the nomination for Governor, and he generously declined in favor of Hon. JOHN I. BLAIR, who was defeated. That there will be "oceans of money" spent in the caucuses at Trenton, as some claim, seems improbable, for it would be, in all probable. Mr. WALSH and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN are each men of too high character to resort to bribery, and it is the opinion of prominent lobbyists that there is no money in the fight. Mr. WALSH is one of the pillars of the Methodist Church, a man prominent in "revivals" and other religious meetings, and is universally respected and held above suspicion. Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN is hardly less prominent in the Presbyterian Church, and it is hardly possible to believe that he would core his election to any extent by bribery or any other form of corrupting influence. If the usual jobbers of the Legislature go outside of these strong candidates in their search for "a consideration" they will probably meet with but little encouragement from either Mr. GREGORY or Mr. PARKER. Mr. GREGORY, it is well known, retired from the contest in the Democratic caucus several years ago, because he found it necessary to pay three members for their votes, which would have insured his election. He left the State House indignant, leaving the votes to his opponent, Mr. THE ROCK, who was elected. Mr. PARKER has not been tried, but he will doubtless be found not wanting in courage.

Mr. CATTELL has positively declined to become a candidate for re-election. Mr. Secretary HOBSON has been mentioned as a candidate who will secure the votes of Mr. CATTELL's friends, but it may be stated with certainty and upon the highest authority that he will not allow his name to be presented.

That there will be something for the jobbers to meddle with, however, is evident from a glance at some of the subjects that will come up for legislative action. The Matawan Railway Company, which is completed to the town of Keyport, on New-York to Philadelphia, for the building of a road between which cities "contracts" have, by some mysterious business understanding, been given out. The right to cross the Delaware River at Yardleyville needs some legislative decisions before it can be safely assumed. If the Millstone Water-Power Company propose to build upon a charter given to the "Hamilton Land Improvement Company" far from this place to New-York there is a break. It was stated in these columns some time since, that after the Company would connect with the Central and Round Brook. The President of the National Company, Mr. Lewis, has published a denial of this statement, but he does not say how they are to build a line "direct to New-York" without a charter. The solution of the problem may, however, be looked for at Trenton. The Erie Railway Company have asked for a law exempting their taxable property in Jersey City, thus donating the Company about $50,000. This act will probably be repealed. There is the project for the establishment of a public park for Jersey City, the consolidating of the Chosen Freeholders of Jersey City, Newark, Elizabeth, and other cities, the redistricting of the State upon the basis of the census of 1870, the formation of new counties, and the appointment of new State officers, in all of which there will be excitement and rivalry.

Among the bills to be presented are the following: Supplement to the Pequest and Walkill Railroad charter, authorizing the construction of a branch from Danville, Warren County, to a point on the line of the Morris and Essex Railroad at or near Port Morris, and another branch from some point in Vernon, Sussex County, to the State line at or near Glenwood, New-York, and for additional land for depot and other purposes; notice for a charter of a railroad from Schooley's Mountain Springs, to connect with the Morris and Essex Railroad at some point at or near Stanhope, with a capital of $200,000; for the enactment of a law making attendance upon either a public, private or denominational school of every child between the ages of six and sixteen compulsory; for an act to incorporate the Jolly Mining Company of Dover; to incorporate the Miners' Savings Bank of Dover; for a law permitting the voters of Chatham township to control the licensing and sale of spirituous and malt liquors in said township; for a law permitting townships, wards, or cities to control the licensing and sale of spirituous and malt liquors; for a law permitting the voters of Summit township to control the license and sale of spirituous and malt liquors in said township; for a further supplement to the charter of the New-Jersey West Line Railroad Company, for a branch road from Keyport to either Highland or Middletown Station of the New-Jersey Southern Railroad; for a new township in Union County, to be formed out of portions of Westfield, Springfield, Union, and Linden; to create the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of New-Jersey; to charter New-Brunswick Dime Savings Bank; to authorize New-Brunswick to issue $200,000 improvement bonds; for a railroad from New-Brunswick to Elizabethport with $600,000 capital; for a charter for the Air-line Railroad from Round Brook to the Delaware River, with fifty miles of Philipsburg, with $1,000,000 capital; for a railroad from Sussex Village to Long Branch; from Woodstown to Bridgeton; from Salem to Bridgeton; from Mannsville to Maurice River; South Cape Harbor City to Mount Pleasant, Cape May; for a bridge in Bridgeton; for a new county out of part of the counties of Salem, Gloucester, Cumberland and Atlantic; also, another county from parts of Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth; to create a new township from part of Randolph, Morris County; to regulate keepers of beer saloons to have a license on petition signed by twelve freeholders; said license to be granted by the Courts, provided the applicants give bonds for $500 not to sell after 10 o'clock P. M. on Saturdays, nor before sunrise on Mondays, nor to or to an habitual drunkard or a minor; for the building of a railroad from Milburn or South Orange to Newark; to charter a railroad from Newark to Milburn, with authority to extend to Morristown; for a supplement to the Paterson and Newark Railroad enlarging its franchises and authorizing a branch road; for a new railroad from a point on the Camden and Amboy road at or near Bordentown to Allentown, in Monmouth County, and from the Imlaystown Station on the Pemberton and Hightstown Railroad to Freehold; to build a railroad to connect the lands of the Randolph Land Improvement Company with the Morris and Essex Railroad.

All the hotels in Trenton are already bestowed by members and the usual train of political jobbers and office-seekers. The head-quarters of the Democracy are at the United States Hotel, on Warren-street, and those of the Republicans at the American House. On the whole the session promises to be the most exciting and interesting in many years, considering the important political and corporate business, such as the election of a United States Senator, the formation of new counties and townships, the redistricting of the State, and remodeling of city charters.

THE FIRE AT PLAINFIELD.

A Destructive Conflagration—Five Hundred Persons Thrown Out of Employment—Loss $200,000.

The largest fire which has ever occurred in that portion of New-Jersey took place at Plainfield on Saturday morning. At an early hour two men, R. W. BULLET and J. W. BELLIS clerks in the employment of A. D. EATON, a dry goods merchant doing business at the corner of Front and Grove streets, and who slept upon the premises, were awakened by dense volumes of smoke rising from the basement. They were nearly suffocated before escaping from the building which they did without being able to secure a single article of clothing. The building was a large four-storied brick building, covering nearly an entire block, and was owned by EZRON MARSH, the Internal Revenue Collector for the Fourth District. A portion of the first floor was occupied by A. D. EATON, as a dry goods store, and the remainder of the building by BALDWIN & SCHERPLIN, manufacturers of clothing manufacturing firm. All the upper stories were filled with ready-made clothing, sweating shipment, and with material. The fire is believed to have originated in the portion of the building devoted to clothing, and, as the fire was never used there, it is a thought that the fire must have been the work of incendiaries. Such headway had the flames gained before any alarm could be given, that the efforts of the firemen were entirely unavailing, and in less than an hour the walls fell. In falling a large iron cornice was thrown for some distance into the street, and striking in a crowd, dangerously injured two persons. A number of others were slightly hurt. Several persons were also more or less injured by the falling of a ladder.

The clothing firm had an extensive business, and a number of persons will be thrown out of employment. About 400 women, in different parts of the State, were engaged in making up, and fifty cutters, besides other persons, were employed at Plainfield. The entire loss exceeds $150,000; insured for $100,000. The insurance is as follows: EZRON MARSH, loss on building, $21,000, insured for $13,000; H. D. EATON, loss $13,000, insurance $6,000; BALDWIN & SCHERPLIN, loss $150,000, insured for $70,500.

SINGULAR TRAGEDY.

A Young Man Shot Under the Mistaken Impression that He Was a Robber—The Wound Probably Fatal.

SYLVIE MAILLARD, a Frenchman, shot GEO. WILSON, a young Greenpoint mechanic, through the head, at 2½ o'clock yesterday morning, near the Grand-street Ferry, Williamsburg, under the following circumstances:

WILSON and his friend, JOHN BENSON, both belonging in Greenpoint, had been spending Saturday night in New-York. They left there on a Grand-street ferry-boat for Williamsburg, and reached the latter place at 2½ o'clock yesterday morning, intending to take the cars for their home. While on board the ferry-boat, MAILLARD, who was a stranger to them, but who also lived in Greenpoint, entered and took a seat between them. No conversation, however, took place on the passage. When the trio landed on the Williamsburg side, MAILLARD passed Wilson first at the ticket-office, MAILLARD being close behind them. BENSON paid his friend's fare, and remarked that he was afraid they were too late for the cars. He then crossed to the north side of the street, supposing that WILSON was still behind him, but he had only come a short distance when he heard the report of a pistol on the south side opposite the saloon, No. 2 Grand-street, and on look the over saw MAILLARD flourishing a pistol and WILSON falling at his feet on the sidewalk. He promptly crossed the street and charged MAILLARD, and called for the Police. He asked MAILLARD why he shot his friend, but don't remember his answer. He asked his friend the cause of the trouble, but received no answer. GEO. WILSON's powers of speech had been destroyed by a bullet that entered his head. He was taken to the Police Station, where he expired in the arms of the Police. MAILLARD was taken to the Police Station, where he expired in the arms of the Police. MAILLARD was taken to the Fourth-street Station-house. On an examination by Police Surgeon CARABEE, it was found that a bullet had entered the bridge of WILSON's nose, and lodged in a place beyond the reach of the probe. He died yesterday in an insensible condition up to 8 o'clock last evening, and no hopes of his rallying are entertained.

MAILLARD gives as a reason for his shooting that WILSON got in his way, and then looked into his face. Thinking, therefore, that he was going to shoot and rob him, he took the first shot. WILSON is a moulder by trade. Twenty years of age, and resides at No. 26 Washington-street. MAILLARD is a cooper, twenty-nine years of age, and resides at No. 23 Eckford-street. Both men bore good characters.

LAW REPORTS.

Court Calendars This Day.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 7.—The following is the Court of Appeals day calendar for Monday, Jan. 9: 81, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 44, 228, 75.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Barnard, P. J., and Cardozo and Barbour, JJ.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos.	
101—Koehler vs. Earrol.	128—Yerkovich vs. The Manufacturers' Nat. Bank.
118—Sessions vs. Herman.	140—Weimore vs. Conner.
124—Young vs. Young.	141—Bennett vs. Bennett.
125—The N. Y. Elevated R. R. Co. vs. Hecht.	142—Blossom vs. Schatzman.
126—Weed vs. The People.	143—Hartley vs. Jaster.
127—Langley vs. Clark.	144—Dibble vs. Gang.
111—Mosher vs. Ketcham.	146—Heineman vs. Heard.
112—Seamle vs. Philips.	147—Buford vs. Peck.
113—Gilman vs. Gilman.	148—Conrad Brewing, vs. Ehrgott.
122—Bryce vs. Brooks.	149—Davis vs. Celestia.
125—Sigler vs. Hevenor.	150—Sharkey vs. Kelly.
127—Reed vs. Cummings.	151—Same vs. Same.
128—Hollister vs. Nutter.	

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Have E—Held by Brady, J.

Adjourned to Monday, the 16th inst., at 11 A. M., for the reason that the room is wanted for the Oyer and Terminer during this week.

Part II.—Held by Van Brunt, J.

Adjourned to Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 10 A. M.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Sutherland, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Calendar called at 12 M.

Nos.	Nos.
151—Lawrence vs. Cropsey.	97—Society for Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents vs. Gardner.
87—Bradley vs. Fowler.	114—Gardiner vs. The Mayor.
55—Washington Ins. Co. vs. Hoell.	115—Sandhus vs. Bendel.
72—Mack vs. Cann.	121—Loose vs. Matthews.
77—In re the Baltic Fire Ins. Co.	131—Nat. Broadway Bank vs. Smith.
84—Mehr vs. Reitz.	136—Sharp vs. Brana.
91—Probisher vs. Hoffman.	138—Wright vs. Wright.
95—Andrews vs. Glenville Woolen Co.	146—Yonge vs. Matthews.
99—In the matter of Rushton, &c.	148—Same vs. Pickering.
	157—Same vs. Same.

The call commences at No. 151—Jones vs. Gronnan.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by McCunn, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
151—Sturm vs. Gt. West. Ins. Co.	271—Claflin vs. Rosenbaum.
160—Loftus vs. Novelty Iron Works.	251—Alexander vs. Blackstone st. & Fulton Ferry R. R. Co.
248—Gerwold vs. Gerwold.	256—Tuckerman vs. O'Brien.
97—Costello vs. Casey.	143—Feeny vs. O'Brien.
209—Myrose vs. Third-av. R. R. Co.	137—Haines et al. vs. Roberts.
96—Millan vs. Graham.	42—Seely vs. Foot.
271—Claus vs. Donnelly.	1175—Fisk vs. Sixth-av. R. R. Co.
276—Scott vs. Finnegan.	312—Currie et al. vs. Van Schoening.
73—Sachsenheim & Kiesel shoe Co. vs. Grocers' Fire Ins. Co.	58—Fleps Mutual Life Ins. Co. vs. Sculfer.
171—Villacez vs. O'Brien.	

Part II.—Held by Freedman, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
238—Vulgel vs. Brooker et al.	146—Campbell vs. Preterre.
48—Sisson et al. vs. Kelly.	476—Hawkins vs. Kenneday.
244—Sein vs. Demuth.	506—Simonson vs. Walker.
275—McArthur vs. Cassidy.	577—Justh vs. Nat. Bank of Commonwealth.
248—Mendelsohn et al. vs. Stein.	324—Harden vs. Tinker.
84—Minor vs. The Mayor, &c.	486—N. Am. Life Ins. Co. vs. Sutton.
415—McCosker vs. Second-av. Railroad Co.	1172—Dempsey vs. Hill.
370—Morgenthau vs. Henderson.	404—Klein vs. Young.
442—Keim vs. McCormick.	316—Buckman vs. Monsgehroth.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Larremore, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—Set-down Causes.

Nos.	Nos.
161—Cary vs. Cary.	471—Davis vs. Gwynne.
406—McCosnon vs. Third-av. R. R. Co.	231—Wood vs. Zeisler.
316—Schoenig vs. Van Pelt.	428—Schofield vs. Kelly, Sheriff.
46—McCauley, Adm'r, vs. Gans et al.	375—Levy vs. McNulty.
240—Powers, Adm'r, vs. Hudson R. R. R. Co.	49—Reichsteiner vs. Cont'l Park North and East River R. R. Co.
25—Costello vs. Mayor, &c. of New-York.	

Regular Order of General Calendar.

Nos.	Nos.
477—Isham et al. vs. Robinson.	479—Barry et al. vs. Coughlin.
478—Straub vs. Jacobi.	480—Strong vs. Leavitt.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by Alker, J.—Court opens and Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
4688—Barge vs. Goldman.	4697—Hartsch vs. Cottman.
4651—Reed vs. Bachman.	4696—Levene vs. O'Brien.
4662—Wardell vs. Carmen.	4706—Van Duzer vs. N. Y. Nat. Ex. Bank.
4665—Herwin vs. Grafwohl.	4708—Schulhofer vs. Broadway and Seventh-av. R. R. Co.
4691—Herwin vs. Hesch.	4709—Harrington vs. Sexton.
4693—Bentley vs. Bernham.	4712—Daniel vs. Adair.
4694—Frank vs. Gross.	4713—Same vs. Same.
4695—Paul vs. Rosser.	
4675—Wardlaw vs. Corkery.	

Part II.—Held by Gross, J.—Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
4666—Butler vs. Coulter.	4704—Williams vs. Sturgeon.
4690—Bell vs. Franklin.	4708—Albrecht vs. Fleischmann.
4699—Hoffman vs. Simon.	4706—Cassent vs. Bergiatti.
4692—Hardy vs. Hession.	4708—Foothaker vs. Starr.
4648—Halck vs. Duggan.	4600—The United States Condition Co. vs. Stiles.
4693—Swift vs. Finley.	4691—Herman vs. Cragg.
4705—Fleetmens vs. Fretwetch.	
4717—Sadlier vs. Grosvenor.	

Part III.—Held by Joachimsen, J.—Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
4701—Jones vs. Bailey.	4618—Lendon vs. Mottes.
4702—Gerbel vs. Cohen.	

DECISIONS.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 7.

By Judge Van Vorst.

Vroom ex. Vroom; motion granted.

Rea vs. Hanford; motion to punish for contempt denied on condition that the defendant pay $10 costs and submits to an examination before the referee Barnabas appointed, on the 13th inst.

By Judge Joseph F. Daly.

Callahan ex. Callahan; motion granted on terms.

Keating ex. Carpenter; motion granted on terms.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 7.

By Judge Barbour.

Parry vs. O'Brien; Hildebrant ex. Stratton; Dykers ex. Stuart; Tassoh ex. Alten; Boye ex. Wood; Leffer ex. Norman; Schmidt ex. Schmedt; Roberts vs. Mandel; Hall ex. Emmons. Orders granted.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—JAN. 7.

FIRST BOARD.

$10,000 U.S. 5-20 C. '65	107¼	100 Pacific Mail	32¾
6,000 U.S. 5-20 C. '64	107⅞	200 do	32⅞
5,000 U.S. 5-20 C. '65	108	50 do	32⅞
2,000 U.S. 5-20 C. '65	108	600 N. Y. C. & Hud. R.	91⅞
5,000 do	107⅞	100 do	91⅞
40,000 U.S. 5-20 R. '67	107⅞	100 do	91⅞
5,000 U.S. 5s 10-40 C.	105⅞	100 Erie	22⅞
20,000 Tenn. 6s, old	61⅞	200 do	22⅞
10,000 Tenn. 6s, new	61⅞	200 Reading	53⅞
15,000 do	61⅞	200 do	53⅞
10,000 do	61⅞	100 Lake S. & M. S.	91⅞
5,000 Va. 6s, new	61⅞	100 do	91⅞
11,000 do	61	450 do	91⅞
7,000 Ga. 6s, gold	88⅞	100 do	91⅞
10,000 Mo. 6s, C. & R.	84⅞	100 do	91⅞
10,000 Mo. 6s, long	81⅞	100 do	91⅞
1,000 Erie, 1st M. 7s	99	100 do	91⅞
31,000 Pac. R. 7s, G'd	105	200 Chic. & M. R.	59
1,000 do	96	100 Mor. & Ess. R.	85
1,000 Cin. N. R. G. 6s	94⅞	100 do	85
9,000 do	94⅞	100 L. S. & S. Y. R. Pf.	104⅞
25,000 Ill. Cent. R. 1s	72	200 N. J. R. & T. R. Co.	72
4,000 Un. P. 7s, L.G. 6s	84⅞	100 C. C. & I. C. R.	77⅞
1,000 N. Mex. U. 7s	62	100 do	76
20 Merch's Bank	112⅞	200 do	76
20 Phenix Bank	100	100 do	76
100 Adams Ex. Co.	64⅞	100 do	76

SECOND BOARD.

$6,000 U. S. 6s '81, C.	110⅞	200 W. Un. Tel.	82
2,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '64	108⅞	200 do	82⅞
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65	108	100 do	82⅞
20,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65, new	107⅞	100 do	82⅞
500 do	107⅞	100 Erie	22⅞
10,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.	105⅞	100 do	22⅞
20,000 Tenn. 6s, old	61⅞	200 Erie	22⅞
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1,000 N. Mex. U. 7s	62	100 do	76
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MONDAY, Jan. 9—A. M.

The first week of the New Year, although embracing only five working days, manifested an unusual degree of activity in general trade, and also on the Stock Exchange. The latter was disturbed early in the week by several additional failures reported from Boston, the failure of a large house here involved by the Boston troubles and by the default of the State of Alabama and the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad in the January Interest due on $6,700,000 Bonds—of which $3,000,000 are the direct Bonds of the State and the remainder under State guarantee—issued for the construction of the Road. The market was also held back for several days, while the New-Year Dividends were being adjusted and the proceeds thereof placed in Bank for active employment. Money, from this cause, continued scarce down to Friday, when the 7 ₱ cent. rate was restored and freely accepted.

Under the revised tariff, which went into operation after 31st December, the Customs paid into the Treasury averaged over $600,000 per day, while the additional Gold Interest payments out of the Treasury averaged (exclusive of the pre-payments at the close of December, not charged off until Jan. 3) over $700,000 per day. The Treasury also paid off the additional sum of $600,000 on the Principal of the Loan of 1871, leaving only about a million of dollars of that loan now outstanding and upon which the Interest has ceased. From and after the present week to the 1st of May, the Customs receipts into the Treasury will run largely ahead, almost invariably, of the Gold Interest payments out of the Treasury, and unless the Secretary should increase his weekly sales, the accumulated idle surplus will, before the May Interest falls due, be heavier than at the close of December. The Import Trade promises much activity, as well for immediate consumption as in preparation for the Spring season. The Customs at all the ports for the four months last year were about $67,196,911, and our estimate is for $64,000,000 for the same period this year, on an increased consumption of Foreign Merchandise, but at lower duties on certain staple articles, as follows:

	1870.	1871. Estimated.
Jan. 1 to March 31	$48,196,911	$46,800,000
April at New York	13,183,578	12,000,000
April at Outports	5,808,128	5,200,000
To May 1	$67,196,911	$64,000,000
Gold Interest	26,704,446	32,544,242
Surplus	$70,492,365	$69,655,758

* Not official.

The Interest paid out last year and this for January and March is on the following Principal:

	1870.	1871.
On 6 ₱ cents, January	$1,467,160	$885,674,800
On 5 ₱ cents, January	27,022,000	20,000,000
On 6 ₱ cents, March	294,567,300	194,567,300
Together	$1,320,206,460	$1,147,231,800
On 5 ₱ cents, May	867,440,700	868,120,900
Total	$2,187,646,160	$2,015,352,700

NOTE.—The difference, $172,293,460, is the whole year closes of Bonds since March 4, 1869, the Principal of which is canceled under Act of July, 1870.

The Gold market has taken the January Dividends quite freely at 110¼@111¼ ₱ cent., the same ruling as at the close of the previous week. The demand appears to be less speculative than usual, both parties in the Gold Room acting, perhaps, on the common opinion that there is "not much in Gold" either way, for the present, at about 110 ₱ cent. The price is uninfluenced by the state of affairs in Europe, while the prospects of large importations for the Spring and corresponding Customs are against any important decline in either Gold or Exchange. The Cotton Trade is sending a third more Cotton to Europe than last year, but against this is the drawback of lower prices. Out of 1,700,000 bales of the present Crop received at the ports against 1,449,000 bales to the same date last year, 968,000 bales have been cleared for Foreign markets against 714,000 bales last season, and the stocks on hand increased from 440,000 to 688,000 bales. In other exports of Domestic Produce our New-York tables show a very important increase since October, mainly from the sale of arms and munitions of war, and this exceptional movement has served to bring up the arrears of the previous months of the current fiscal Year at this port, as compared with 1870, viz.:

Exports from New-York	1870-71.	1869-70.
July 1 to Oct. 31	$74,001,704	$93,188,378
Nov. 1 to Jan. 7	54,018,257	60,968,067
Total Produce	$128,019,961	$154,156,445
Gold and Silver	17,169,130	41,658,676
Together	$145,188,091	$195,815,121

The extra remittances of Gold in July and August over the previous year amounted to about twenty-five millions, the first and thus far chief adverse effect of the great war in Europe.

The weekly averages of the Associated Local and National Banks in the Clearing-house of the City, for the week ending Saturday last, Jan. 7, compare as follows with the previous week, and with the corresponding week last year, to which we add the Specie and Currency balances in the New-York offices of the United States Treasury, at those dates, respectively:

Increase in Loans			$5,160,800
Increase in Specie			4,520,845
Increase in other Legal Tenders			4,708,000
Increase in Deposits			13,144,000
Decrease in Circulation			28,303
	Jan. 7, '71.	Jan. 1, '71.	Dec. 31, '70.
National Currency	$17,000,000	$17,000,000	$16,971,697
Local Capital	13,000,000	13,120,000	13,120,000
Total	$30,000,000	$30,000,000	$30,091,697
Loans	352,275,033	346,372,027	343,417,415
Specie and Gold Notes	30,000,000	29,480,155	29,634,309
Other Legal Tenders	45,000,000	41,291,439	36,583,539
Deposits	130,700,000	127,600,000	116,555,856
Circulation	24,045,041	22,114,718	22,143,514
In Sub-Treasury	26,700,573	29,888,959	76,030,011

The Bank statement published today exhibits the following relative strength of the movement in the point of lawful money security to the previous statement. The Banks owe:

	Dec. 31, '70.	Jan. 7, '71.	Jan. 8, '70.
On deposits	$116,700,000	$127,600,000	$116,555,856
Circulation	22,143,514	22,114,718	24,146,943
Total	$220,377,449	$254,153,543	$224,819,056
25 ₱ cent. would be	55,094,362	63,538,385	56,070,264
They hold in Gold and Gross-backs	29,634,309	29,480,155	29,070,893
Excess	$16,579,953	$16,057,515	$12,152,641
Rate for money	7 ₱ ct.	7 ₱ ct.	7 ₱ ct.

The Import Entries for the past week, including the Dry Goods return, in our last paper, amount to $2,541,829, against the total entries of $4,547,886 same week last year. The Export Clearances of Domestic Produce amount to $4,367,720, against $9,171,[illegible] same week last year. The export of Specie, $[illegible], against $482,670 same week last year. The Customs of the week are $3,196,911. The receipts of Cotton, consumption and by railroad, are 60,[illegible] bales.

Our weekly comparative summary of the Foreign Trade and Specie movements at New-York is now resumed as from the first of the current Fiscal Year, July 1, 1870, known as the Treasury *de facto* Year 1871.

The Gold values of the Import [illegible] Foreign Merchandise at New-York, [illegible] Foreign Specie, since July 1, 1870, are [illegible] the figures being official to Nov. 1, and [illegible] semi-official, from the Custom-house:

July	$22,810,215	November	[illegible]
August	[illegible]	December	[illegible]
September	[illegible]	Jan. 7	[illegible]
October	27,447,471		
Total since July 1	[illegible]		
Against same date 1870	[illegible]		
Increase since July 1	[illegible]		

* Unofficial.

The currency value of Exports of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods [illegible] Foreign Goods re-exported from New-York [illegible] July 1, 1870, is as follows:

July	$16,717,[illegible]	November	[illegible]
August	[illegible]	December	[illegible]
September	[illegible]	Nov. 4	[illegible]
October	[illegible]		
Total since July 1	[illegible]		
Against same date 1870	[illegible]		
Increase since July 1	[illegible]		
Gold Jan. 7, 1871, 110¼ ₱ cent.			
Gold Jan. 9, 1870, 112¼ ₱ cent.			

*Unofficial.

The Exports of Gold and Silver of all descriptions from New-York since July 1, 1870, are as follows:

July	$15,[illegible]	November	[illegible]
August	19,067,019	December	[illegible]
September	4,816,267	Jan. 7	[illegible]
October	1,016,365		
Total since July 1	[illegible]		
Against same date 1870	[illegible]		
Increase since July 1	[illegible]		

*Unofficial.

The following are the Customs receipts in Gold, and the interest paid on the Funded Debt in Gold, at the New-York office of the United States Treasury, since July 1, 1870:

	Customs received.	Gold interest paid.
July	$11,[illegible]	$[illegible]
August	[illegible]	[illegible]
September	14,701,[illegible]	[illegible]
October	11,[illegible]	[illegible]
November	9,[illegible]	[illegible]
December	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jan. 7	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total 1871	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total 1870	[illegible]	[illegible]

COURSE OF THE STOCK MARKET.

American Gold	[illegible]	Jan. 6, '70.	[illegible]
Old U. S. 6-20s, 1865	[illegible]		[illegible]
Consolidated 6s, 1865	[illegible]		[illegible]
U. S. 5 ₱ cents, 10-40s	[illegible]		[illegible]
N. Y. Cen. & Hud.	[illegible]		[illegible]
N. Y. Cen. & Hud. Scrip	[illegible]		[illegible]
Erie, common	[illegible]		[illegible]
Lake Shore	[illegible]		[illegible]
North-western	[illegible]		[illegible]
Reading	[illegible]		[illegible]
Ohio and Mississippi	[illegible]		[illegible]
Pacific Mail	[illegible]		[illegible]
St. Paul Common	[illegible]		[illegible]
New Tennessee	[illegible]		[illegible]
Toledo and Wabash	[illegible]		[illegible]
Central Pacific	[illegible]		[illegible]
Ex. div.	[illegible]		[ill

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NEW-YORK, MONDAY, JAN. 9, 1871.

Amusements this Evening.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner 6th-av.
RICHELIEU. Characters by Messrs. Edwin Booth, Barrow, Sheridan, Miss Pateman, Miss Livingston and others.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.
23d-st., corner 8th-av.
LE PETIT FAUST. Leading characters by Mlle. Lea Billy, Mlle. Montaland and M. Girrebeuck.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Houston-st.
WEE WILLIE WINKIE. Characters by Messrs. G. L. Fox, Honeywood, Atkins, Miss Fanny Deane, Miss Rogers, Miss Yeamans, and others.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
THE BLACK CROOK. Leading characters by Messrs. Morton, Rogers, Hamilton, and Miss Pauline Markham.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
WAR. Leading characters by Messrs. John Brougham, Gilbert, George Clarke, Miss Madeline Henrique, Miss Fowler and Miss Tracy.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
23d-st., near Broadway.
SARATOGA. Leading characters by Messrs. Harkins, Lewis, Davidge, Miss Fanny Davenport and Miss Fanny Morant.

LINA EDWIN'S THEATRE.
Broadway, near Washington-place.
KIND TO A FAULT and ALADDIN. Leading characters by Mr. Lothwell, Mr. Hall, Miss Edwin, and Miss Howott.

STADT THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
MARY STUART. Leading character by Mme. Maria Seebach.

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DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE, Afternoon and evening. Large collection of curiosities on exhibition.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.
Lexington-av., between 34 and 35 sts.
GRAND EQUESTRIAN and GYMNASTIC PERFORMANCES.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Montague-st., near Court-st.
RIP VAN WINKLE. Leading characters by Mr. Joseph Jefferson and Miss Mary Wells.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

A dispatch from near Paris, on Friday, at noon, says that Forts Issy and Vanvres have been silenced, and, according to a London telegram, the bombardment of the other forts promises to be equally effective. A Versailles dispatch says the forts were only temporarily silenced. The King of Prussia telegraphs that his losses so far, in the bombardment of Issy and Vanvres, are seventeen killed and wounded. Letters from Paris, received in London, to the 4th, indicate danger of riots. The German bombardment to the south of Paris opened on Tuesday on Forts Issy, Vanvres and Montrouge, the French intrenchments Villejuif and Point Jeru, and the French gun-boats on the Seine; and the bombardment on the north-east front was continued energetically, in spite of a heavy fog. A London dispatch reports that already the casemates of Fort Rosny, on the north, have been destroyed. The German heavy guns at Meudon, south-east of Paris, and all the other batteries in that direction, were on the 6th in position and ready for use, and probably before this have opened fire.

On the Loire, Gen. CHANZY has repulsed several unimportant attacks by the Germans. His force is reported to be 200,000 strong and ready for action. A Bordeaux dispatch says the Germans on Friday attacked the French at Villechauve and other places, and forced the lines at Meuville, but the French took the offensive at night and reoccupied all their positions, the Germans retiring toward Vendome, leaving many wounded and prisoners. The Germans on the Le Mans line are massing Nogent-le-Rotrou. The Versailles telegrams on this subject say the engagement near Vendome resulted in the repulse of the French. CHANZY's army is said to be advancing in two columns. The main body is at Laloup and the other at Vendome. The Duke of MECKLENBURG occupies the lines between Blois and Vendome and Laloup and Venseil.

The Germans on the Upper Oise in the north are retiring on Maubeuge. A Havre dispatch says 10,000 Germans were defeated near Jumieges. Gen. EOT's division is said to be retreating, having been beaten by the Prussians on the 4th, on the left bank of the Seine. Late advices from the east represent that there are 40,000 French near Rioz, a town about midway between Vesoul and Besancon; and that the enemy had been repulsed in a reconnoissance north of Rioz. The Germans under WERDER, according to Versailles dispatches, defeated a French force in a recent encounter, taking 200 prisoners.

The Berlin Press compliment the English for "their temperate tone in discussing the collier affair on the Seine." The French war steamer, recently off Queenstown, has arrived at Falmouth. A heavy English shipment of arms to the French is reported by the *Globe* newspaper.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

A London telegram says the Conference will certainly meet before the end of January. M. FAVRE's refusal is not considered final, but whether the Conference will assemble whether France is represented or not. A "semi-official" announcement in London says it is impossible to fix a time, ostensibly on the ground of French non-representation, but, it is said, in reality because Russia has formally notified England that the Black Sea clause of the treaty is already abrogated by the act of the Czar, and that the Congress cannot change the decision. The King of Holland, in a proclamation to the people of Luxembourg, assures them of his unwavering attachment, and also that their independence will be maintained, as guaranteed by the chief European Powers. ....In the Spanish Cabinet SAGASTA takes the portfolio of Finance and Interior, and SERRANO is to be Minister of War and President of the Council....An election for the North German Reichstag has been ordered in Wurtemberg....It is denied that any alliance between Austria and France is in negotiation ....Materials for the Honduras interoceanic railroad are now loaded at British ports....The Greek brigands, to the number of seventy, encountered a Turkish force near the frontier, and were defeated with the loss of twenty killed. The Turks were in pursuit of them. NOEL, the Englishman accused of complicity in the massacre by the Greek brigands, has given himself into custody.

CONGRESS.

The Senate was not in session on Saturday. In the House there was a general debate, the principal subject of which was the condition of political affairs in Arkansas. Mr. ROGERS, of that State, charged the Republican Party with frauds in the late election, implicating the Governor in certain alleged corrupt proceedings. Mr. SMITH, of Tennessee, defended Gov. CLAYTON from these charges, and a debate followed on the proper construction of the provisions of the Constitution of Arkansas, disfranchising citizens who had taken part in the rebellion. Mr. MORGAN, of Ohio, made a speech on the dangers of Chinese immigration, and the House adjourned at 4 o'clock.

GENERAL.

Five inches of snow fell at Washington yesterday, and produced good sleighing.

A grand bazaar in aid of the families of French soldiers killed in the present war will commence at Washington on Wednesday next, and promises to be very successful.

Rev. WILLIAM WISNER, D. D., a prominent Presbyterian clergyman, formerly of Ithaca, died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Saturday morning, at the advanced age of 86.

Work on the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad has been suspended until the action of the Massachusetts Courts shall be ratified by those of Connecticut.

The United States steamer *Saginaw*, of the Pacific Squadron, went to pieces on an island in the Pacific Ocean on the 14th of November. Several of the officers were drowned on the 18th of December attempting to land at the Sandwich Islands, after a perilous trip of a month in reaching them. A vessel was dispatched to the rescue of the rest of the crew, with what result is still as yet unknown.

Gov. CLAFLIN, of Massachusetts, was inaugurated, on Saturday, for his third term of office, and delivered his annual Message to the Legislature.

GIGLIO and BONIVO, convicted of killing LUGI GHERRALDINI, was sentenced at Boston, Saturday, the former to six years, and the latter to four years in the State Prison.

A contract has been made by the North Pacific Transportation Company for carrying the mails once a month, for twenty years, from New-Zealand and intermediate points, to San Francisco. New-Zealand pays a subsidy of $60,000 a year for the service.

St. John's Catholic Church at Philadelphia held special services, in commemoration of its patron saint, yesterday, which were largely attended.

The Boston House at Georgetown, Colorado, said to be the best hotel in the Territory, was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning.

An act passed the Congress of Mexico on the 12th of December, conceding to the Tehuantepec Railway Company the right to construct a ship canal across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, and operate the same for ninety-nine years.

Miss VINNIE REAM's statue of LINCOLN was privately exhibited at Washington on Saturday. Much admiration of the work was expressed by the favored few who saw it.

The schedule adopted by the Railroad Convention, just adjourned at Atlanta, Ga., reduces the time from New-York to New-Orleans from ninety-six to seventy-seven hours.

A litigation has just been begun in Oregon, involving the ownership of the Central Railroad of that State and the division of property amounting to $9,000,000.

How the Democrats Love Honest Election.

The first party movement of the Tammany Ring in the Legislature is to remove the only legal protection the people have against unlimited frauds on the ballot. The Legislature has only been in session a few days, and, already, bills have been introduced into both Houses for the repeal of the Registry law of this City. Last Winter, when the Tammany leaders were seeking the aid of Republicans in the Legislature to help them pass their new charter, they professed, among other things, to be anxious to put a stop to the election frauds in this City, which they freely admitted had become so enormous as to threaten the very existence of republican government. They were willing to join the Republicans in adopting the most stringent safeguards against the recurrence of these frauds in future, and their professions and promises in this behalf were mainly instrumental in securing the support of their opponents to their scheme for remodeling the City Government. TWEED and other leading Democrats in the Senate assented to whatever provisions the Republicans saw fit to propose for the better security of the ballot, and as a pledge of their good faith offered to pass, and actually did pass, the new Election law before they put the charter upon its third reading. These pledges silenced opposition from the Republicans, especially as they were backed by Mr. NATHANIEL SANDS and poor PETER COOPER. Mr. SANDS on that occasion acted as the sponsor of the Ring, and who could think of doubting his word!

The basis of this new Election law was the Registry law, and nearly all its valuable features, thus adopted with the assent of both parties, and under a solemn compact between them, were in the form of amendments to that law. The repeal of the Registry law, therefore, is substantially a repeal of the Election law, and would be a gross breach of faith on the part of the Democracy, besides being a violation of the compact by which they secured the passage of their charter.

It is not likely, however, that these considerations will have any weight with a majority of Democrats in the Legislature, and they are only suggested here to show the folly, not to say stupidity, of Republicans entering into any agreement, bargain, alliance or compact whatever with the Democratic Party in the Legislature or elsewhere, as long as it remains under the control of Tammany Hall. They have invariably been cheated in all such bargains heretofore, and they will continue to be cheated in every alliance which they may be foolish enough to make with such an enemy. The Tammany Ring find it necessary for their purposes to abolish the Registry law, just as they found it necessary to "count out" the Republican Assemblymen from this City; and they will do it, regardless of any pledges made by them last Winter, when they had other purposes to accomplish. The Registry law, as amended by the last Legislature and as enforced at the last election, has proved an effectual barrier against repeating, and this is what Tammany will never submit to. When she promises the rural Democrats in State Convention, as TWEED did at Rochester, that the City will give seventy-five thousand Democratic majority, she wants to make good her word, and not have her twenty thousand repeaters "spotted" through Republican impertinence in scrutinizing the registry. It will, therefore, be useless to protest against the repeal of the Registry law. It is doomed. But the Republicans in the Legislature may do a service to their party by introducing a judicious but stringent law for the prevention of frauds on the ballot, and thus test the sincerity of the Democracy in their professed desire to secure honest elections. We have no hope that such a law, or, indeed, any law that would be effective, will receive the support of a single Democrat in either house, but it would show the public who are, and who are not, really desirous of protecting the purity of the ballot. At any rate, the Republicans of the Assembly have the warrant of Gov. HOFFMAN for making the effort. In his fierce tirade against the Congressional law with which he closes his annual Message, the Governor says that "if elections are not honest they should be made so by the force of public opinion and by law." That elections are not honest in the City of New-York everybody knows, and it is equally clear that what the Governor calls "public opinion" will never make them honest unless it is embodied in the form of law. It is useless to wait for the Democracy to frame a law for that purpose; such a thing has never been done in the history of the party. It therefore remains for the Republicans to make the attempt once more, and see what support they will get from the Democrats in the Legislature, or from their plausible figurehead in the Executive chair.

Lastly, we must once more repeat that while poor PETER COOPER and the Citizens' Association are allowed to go about giving *their* pledges that the Tammany thieves are really acting in good faith toward the public, we need not expect much help from them. NATHANIEL SANDS is quite as mischievous in his smaller way as PETER B. SWENEY; last Spring he inveigled PETER COOPER into indorsing the Ring, and thus silenced much opposition. He has doubtless carried on the same game since, although not with the same success—and this is the man who is the head, middle, and tail of the Citizens' Association. Mr. PETER COOPER being nothing but a soft-tempered, soft-hearted, and not particularly hard-headed dupe.

Mr. Reverdy Johnson's Treaty with Great Britain.

Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON has recently communicated to the public his own narrative of his negotiations in reference to the *Alabama* claims. His letter also contains his legal opinion upon the question, whether the American claimants have a right to urge their private claims on the English Government. We have no question that when the mere feeling aroused by this difference between the two Governments has passed away, Mr. JOHNSON will stand much higher as negotiator and statesman than he does now. For the present, he is a man who has ruined himself publicly by having talked at too many dinners. The Government and people dispatched him, as an astute lawyer and able public man, to negotiate a difficult question with a much-disliked opponent. His duties he never forgot, but, unfortunately, he forgot the feelings of his principal. Taking a lawyer-like view of the quarrel—perhaps a little melted by the skillful social attentions of the highest classes of England—he greeted the enemies, who a few years before had hardly words contemptuous and bitter enough to express their dislike of the Great Republic, with the heartiness of friends long estranged, now suddenly and providentially reconciled. He poured out genial praise upon the British aristocracy; he passed even the bounds of compliment in lauding our just converted adversaries; he hobnobbed with the most notorious pro-Southern of the English nobility, and was as cordial with our bitterest enemies as with our long-tried friends. Forgetting that we had just come out of a life-and-death struggle, and that the popular blood was yet hot with it, he ventured, as a representative of the Republic, to grasp hands with those who had perpetually aimed at its destruction, and already rejoiced at its approaching ruin.

No doubt the old lawyer had an object in his campaign of public dinners, and his almost fulsome compliments. Amid all his fine eulogies upon England's glory, over the after-dinner port, and all his ecstatic pictures of the future, when the lion and the eagle should live in blissful amity, he always had an eye to business. He was, in reality, pressing his client's claims. He knew that these public effusions would have an effect on the British Cabinet. He soon discovered that the popular feeling was strongly in favor of even a pecuniary settlement of the *Alabama* claims, if they were adjudged to be equitable. He skillfully obtained at his various ovations, strong expressions of this feeling, and subsequently made use of this popular sentiment in his negotiations. But in all this, though very astute as a lawyer, he undoubtedly somewhat forgot his position as Minister. So sensitive was popular feeling here in regard to the British tone toward us during the war, that the public would undoubtedly have rather lost the thirteen millions claimed forever than have had a word uttered by our agent of welcome and good will to those who had so incessantly vilified us. And to have our Ambassador apparently flatter our enemies for the sake of securing better terms, was insufferable to the people. Mr. JOHNSON's speeches sickened Americans of the whole negotiation. If he had obtained fifty millions damages, it would have been the same. And, on the other hand, had he openly avoided all intercourse with the British pro-Southern leaders, or even politely snubbed men like Mr. ROEBUCK or Mr. LAIRD, his "convention" would have met a very different fate.

And yet it is doubtful now whether Mr. SCHENCK or any other Minister will ever secure more favorable terms than did Mr. JOHNSON. From first to last our much-abused Ambassador conducted his negotiations skillfully, and secured his and Mr. SEWARD's great objects. The claims were to be referred to an impartial umpire, who would undoubtedly have given us a fair compensation. The question on which the British Government held out for a long time was on the reference of the acknowledgment of belligerency to a tribunal of arbitration. Even this, however, under Mr. JOHNSON's arguments, it was agreed should be referred to arbitration. Other points, also of minor importance, were conceded by the British Government, and we seemed to be having everything our own way. As the echoes of the opposition to the treaty, however, began to return to England, and Mr. JOHNSON gathered (though never officially) that our Government was dissatisfied, because its own claims of injury were not to be referred to arbitration, as well as the private claims, he again secured from the conciliatory British Minister an informal concession of reference also of these possible claims to the umpire. Nothing seems to have been omitted in this treaty, except "the acknowledgment of negligence," of which the President has spoken in his messages, or a kind of apology by the British Government for permitting the *Alabama* to escape, and for her reception in British ports. But, as Mr. ADAMS recently pointed out, "great nations do not apologize before a difference is adjudicated." The mere fact of willingness to refer the case to arbitration is acknowledgment sufficient. To demand more seems to belong to feeling rather than wisdom.

New-Jersey Politics.

The next session of the New-Jersey Legislature will open at the Capitol, at Trenton, to-morrow. In the Senate the Republicans have three majority, and in the Assembly eight majority, giving them control of both Houses, and of all the legislation of the session. The caucus will be held on Tuesday morning for the selection of officers, and the indications are that Mr. BETTLE, of Camden, will be President of the Senate, and Mr. CONDIT, of Essex, Speaker of the Assembly, with Mr. BABCOCK, of Middlesex, Secretary of the Senate, and Mr. REEVES, of Burlington, Clerk of the Assembly. Gov. RANDOLPH's Message will probably be sent in on Tuesday afternoon, and will give the usual review of the affairs of the State. The financial condition is understood to be very favorable, the last Legislature having levied increased taxes upon the various counties for current expenses. The State Prison, which has heretofore been a heavy expense to the State under the management of the Supervisors is nearly self-sustaining, having cost last year only about $4,000 more than the income from the labor of the prisoners. During the year a new wing has been built for the accommodation of the prisoners, and other improvements have been made, adding to the comfort of the unfortunate inmates. The military affairs are understood to be satisfactory, and the Adjutant-General, (Mr. STRYKER,) in his annual report, "refers in flattering terms to the flourishing condition of all the active organizations of the State, recommends the early arming of the force with improved breech-loaders, and calls attention to the gratifying results of the last annual State rifle match, and the benefits attending musketry instruction." The Lunatic Asylum needs enlarging, and efforts will be made to secure the necessary legislation to this end. The State Normal School and other educational interests are in a satisfactory condition, and on the whole the affairs of the State are prosperous.

The most important business of the session will be the election of United States Senator, and the redistricting of the State. The former will be elected on Tuesday, Jan. 24, under the provisions of the Congressional law; the latter will be a subject of careful deliberation. The latest census returns give New-Jersey about 807,000 population. In case the number of Representatives in Congress (as appears probable) is increased to 275, the number of inhabitants to each member will be about 132,000. This will give New-Jersey six members, with a fraction of 73,000, which may give it another—being an increase of two from its present representation. The State will also be redistricted for members of the Assembly—several counties losing members, and gains being made in Hudson, Essex and Union. The districts as at present constituted, both Congressional and Legislative, were made by a Democratic Legislature in 1861, with the main object of the retention of that party in power. In this they have generally been successful, having had the control of the Legislature for seven out of ten years. The Republicans, by judicious management, can strengthen the party in New-Jersey so that it will have a fair chance of success in the future.

A large amount of local legislation is to be brought before the ensuing session. The creation of several new counties is advocated by their respective residents, among others Musconetcong, from parts of Warren, Morris, Sussex and Hunterdon; of Highland, from part of Monmouth; of New-Brunswick, from parts of Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset and Union; of Palisade, from parts of Bergen and Hudson; of Centre, from parts of Mercer, Middlesex, Burlington and Monmouth; of Landis, or Vineland, from parts of Cumberland, Atlantic, Gloucester and Salem; and of Orange, from the township of Essex. The railroad corporations are also gathering their forces. The Erie Company, which runs across the State, last year secured an act for the exemption of a large amount of property in Jersey City from taxation, by which some fifty thousand dollars is saved annually. Efforts will now be made to secure its repeal. The late "tunnel" warfare between the Erie and the Delaware and Lackawanna Company will also come before the Legislature. The proposed "air-line" road across the State, which was defeated last year, and the construction of various roads for local travel, will be pressed. Applications are also noticed for bank charters under State laws, and the charter of innumerable turnpike companies and corporations. An effort will also be made to secure an act to make labor a lien on railroads, arising from the defrauding of a large number of laborers by subcontractors during the past year.

Life Insurance Management.

The directors of the Great Western Life Insurance Company have acquiesced in the conclusions reached by the State Superintendent, and its affairs now pass into the hands of a receiver. It is not easy to see how this result could have been avoided without destroying the only guarantees our legislation affords for solvency and good management. According to the Superintendent's report, the capital of the Company has been entirely absorbed, and, exclusive of the liability on account of capital stock, there is an excess of liabilities over assets of $36,120. The latter fact demonstrates the inability of the Company, with its assets, to reassure its outstanding risks—the only real test of solvency in life insurance.

The statement of the Company's counsel, in Court, not only does not weaken the Superintendent's report, but actually furnishes additional justification for his action, and, moreover, exhibits the general looseness which has characterized official examinations of its affairs. Thus, it is alleged that "heretofore the Superintendent of Insurance has always allowed as a cash asset moneys advanced"—should it not be paid?—"to agents as commissions, amounting in this case to $60,008 57." Such a practice is almost inconceivable. Agents' commissions are a part of current expenditure, affecting the cost of business, but having no more relation to assets than salaries, rent or taxes. Again, it is pleaded that hardship is inflicted because of the "putting down of office appointments at auction prices, instead of at cost as heretofore." If, as may be fairly assumed, the same rules have been acted upon in estimating the assets of insurance companies generally, there is an evident necessity for surveying the accounts of other companies than those of the Great Western. Still further, it is insisted that the insolvency of the Company is of very recent growth. "By our last yearly showing," the counsel declares, "the Company was more than solvent," and its present unfortunate condition is, by implication, attributed to an unusually heavy rate of mortality during the year just closed. That mortality, we are told, consumed eighty per cent. of the entire capital. Now, as the Great Western only commenced business in 1868, it is more than probable that this excess of the death-rate was a consequence of carelessness in the acceptance of risks; and this carelessness may be not unreasonably attributed to the reckless competition for business which is at this moment one of the worst features of life insurance management. On the other point—the period from which the insolvency dates—official figures show that the Company was barely solvent a year ago. On the 31st December, 1869, its assets were set down at $536,908 22, while the net present value of its policies was $439,009 49—showing a surplus of $97,898 83. But the surplus as thus presented was a delusion. For the commissions and other charges of the Company had not been deducted from its reported reserve, and as these amounted to $96,078, including net cost of guarantee capital, it follows that its entire surplus at the period referred to as one of solvency did not exceed $1,165. That was about as narrow a margin as can well be imagined. Besides, the general wastefulness of the management is made apparent by the undue proportion of expenditure to income. The gross receipts were $205,332; the gross outgo, $192,294, of which sum $85,523 represented actual expenses, excluding dividend on guarantee capital.

Let it not be supposed that the Great Western Company, twelve months ago, stood alone in its rate of expenditure. We cull from official documents a few facts illustrative of this remark—designating the companies by number instead of by name, but premising that they are all of New-York.

	Gross Income.	Premium Receipts.	Gross Income.	Expenditure.	*Actual Expenses.
A	$146,855	$137,844	$107,704	$70,126	
B	65,314	47,090	52,182	32,113	
C	170,566	163,867	119,446	91,162	
D	743,266	677,028	484,505	477,088	
E	179,490	156,454	109,201	95,630	
F	125,362	115,178	82,724	77,843	
G	6,272,012	5,772,915	3,582,188	1,032,846	
H	205,062	177,721	123,108	89,628	
I	182,933	123,582	102,278	85,782	
J	2,820,097	1,785,721	1,946,035	819,978	
K	15,494,141	12,397,802	8,189,624	1,630,008	
L	171,192	152,815	134,660	95,366	
M	400,545	354,221	249,883	164,097	
N	5,984,377	5,104,641	3,672,290	1,094,818	
O	1,955,268	1,694,742	1,389,057	398,840	
P	126,704	115,219	76,092	51,960	
Q	978,651	797,478	816,238	171,150	
R	1,205,993	1,127,102	788,785	316,250	
S	896,392	831,609	627,448	149,543	
T	164,979	152,609	146,061	104,722	

*Excluding dividends on guarantee capital.

The exhibit is a startling one, and indicates the point at which reform must begin if life insurance companies are to retain public confidence. Nor is extravagant management confined to this City. New-Jersey supplies a company, which, with a gross income of $6,594,836, paid out $3,741,776—actual expenses being $696,057; Connecticut another, having an income of $4,058,485, and expending $2,044,165, of which $545,253 indicates actual expenses; and Ohio another, which, with an income of $187,253, contrived to get rid of $144,311, not less than $81,217 being actual expenses.

We cite these figures simply to show that the tendency of life insurance management now-a-days is to purchase business at too heavy a cost. It is not enough to say in reply that the companies, with all their expenditures, are yet solvent—that is to say, that the net assets exceed the net liabilities. This is true of all the companies in the list, if the capital be included in the reserve; otherwise, it is not true of several of them. For example, out of the companies we have referred to, one has $201,502 of actual reserve, excluding capital, while the reserve as computed should be $369,447. Another has $152,797, while it should have $174,568. Another has $1,314,039, the required reserve being $1,918,797. A fourth (not in our list) has but 78.13 per cent. of its required reserve; a fifth, 63.07 per cent; a sixth, 97 per cent; a seventh, 75 per cent.; an eighth, only 57 per cent.; a ninth, 64 per cent.; a tenth, 61 per cent. It is evident that there are other companies than the Great Western whose condition should receive Superintendent MILLER's attention. Of course, the Great Western has eaten up its capital, while the others retain theirs. In life insurance, however, stockholders' capital is of little value as a guarantee fund. The only adequate protection for policy-holders is the fund formed by the accumulation of the premium reserve.

MINOR TOPICS.

We trust our readers will not forget the meeting for the celebration of Italian unity, to be held at the Academy of Music on Thursday evening. There is probably no Democratic politician of this City who would dare to be present at it—the real rulers of the community being very much opposed to any reduction of the Pope's power. But those who have a true sympathy with the cause of liberty, ought to take great pride in affording all the encouragement they can to that party in Italy which has made so gallant a struggle for freedom. The cause of Irish liberty can find numbers of enthusiastic adherents at any time; but when it comes to expressing sympathy with a people who are anxious to throw off the Papal yoke, it is not so easy to get up a public meeting. Let us hope that independent men enough will be found next Thursday to render the meeting worthy of the event it is designed to honor.

The public is much indebted to Judge BEADY, of the Supreme Court, for the fearless manner in which he has done his duty in reference to the great fraud committed by FISK and GOULD in closing the books of the Erie Railroad prior to the last election. The Judge decided that the claim set up by the Erie swindlers was illegal, and gave judgment against them. Slowly but surely, justice is overtaking GOULD, FISK and their accomplices. Every dog has his day—and they have pretty nearly finished theirs. The defrauded stockholders have only to persevere, acting under the advice of able and honest lawyers, and they will, in the end, succeed in ousting JAMES FISK, Jr., and all his gang from the control of the road. A few rascals will thus meet with their deserts, and a great scandal will be brought to an end.

It is evident that the session of Congress will not be allowed to close without a grand effort of the speculators to appropriate large slices of the unoccupied national domain. Bills have been introduced, and others are talked of, providing for lavish donations of land, nominally in aid of railroads, but really to enrich organized schemers. Every member who has a bill of this sort in charge pretends to find special reasons in its behalf. There never was any scheme of public plunder which wholly lacked plausibility; but no public consideration can justify additional railroad land grants, whatever the pretense on which they are urged. We look for a union of the forces interested in the plans before Congress, and a desperate attempt to push them through. The country will not forget the members who identify themselves with projects which no political party can afford to carry.

From the outbreak of the Russian difficulty, we have expressed the opinion that no "Conference" could do any good—Russia having clearly made up her mind to have her own way in the matter. The news this morning again confirms this opinion. It only remains to be seen whether England will go to war in what appears to be a very bad cause. There may be motives for war on her part which are not clearly visible—as, for instance, the discovery that Prussia and Russia are acting in concert, and have now only made the first move in the game. In that case England might do worse, as a matter of policy, than lend a helping hand to France—a course which men like Mr. FREDERIC HARRISON think she ought to have adopted after the overthrow of NAPOLEON. With Mr. GLADSTONE at the head of the Government, any very decisive or plucky policy can hardly be looked for.

Gov. STEVENSON's Message furnishes conclusive testimony as to the prevalence of organized violence in Kentucky. The armed resistance to law which for some time disgraced the State has, he declares, disappeared before the measures he employed. Still, he says, in various localities innocent citizens are subject to acts of violence, "committed by lawless persons, acting in bodies generally under cover of night"—the offenders escaping unpunished. The Governor protests against this lawlessness being ascribed to political causes, but these alone afford any adequate explanation of the cases. The victims of the outrages are usually colored persons, or whites who have rendered themselves obnoxious by active efforts against the Democracy. The acknowledged impunity with which the outrages are perpetrated, the fact that they are perpetrated by bodies of men, and the further fact that they most abound in districts in which Democratic sentiment is all-powerful, completely neutralize the Governor's protest.

We cannot credit the report that the fisheries' question is to be settled by acquiescence in a modification of the Canadian law, without reference to the terms of the treaty, or the construction put upon it by the provincial authorities. We hope for better things. The President has raised a very important question, and one to which the experiences of the last fishing season lend more than local interest; and on every ground it is desirable that the occasion shall be used to remove long-standing sources of irritation, and to adjust the differences between American and colonial fishermen on the only enduring basis—that of justice. The laws complained of, and the pretensions which in times past have proved so annoying, are the legitimate products of the Treaty of 1818, as interpreted by the Provinces. What is necessary is, either a common understanding, resting upon a more equitable interpretation, or a new treaty, whose terms shall not be open to controversy. Any other settlement will be a farce.

There is a movement among the colored people of Alabama in favor of migration thence to Kansas. A Labor Convention, just held at Montgomery, adopted a report favorable to the movement,—assigning as reasons the high prices at which good cultivable lands in Alabama are held, the unfitness for cultivation of a large portion of the Government lands, and the hostility to colored settlers which exists in the neighborhoods where these lands are to be obtained. By removing to the West, it is urged, more land can be had without cost, and a degree of security which is represented as unattainable among a population actuated by the prevailing views of the freedmen. The greater value and importance attributed to the movement are suggestive of the self-reliance and independence of the colored people. The Southern press generally speak favorably of the movement, and they do not appear to be unwilling that their labor should be diverted to other States.

The finances of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New-York are in a very bad condition, and threaten to involve other companies in serious difficulties. The Commissioner of Insurance has taken steps to protect the insured community, into vigorous precautionary action. One company is referred to which paid out ten thousand dollars for managing fifteen thousand dollars in premiums. Another is alleged to have evaded the State law of 1867 relating to subscribed capital by taking from the stockholders checks in payment for stock, and then handing back the checks as loans at a low rate of interest! Cincinnati, we suspect, is neither better nor worse than other cities. Chicago could tell tales quite as bad—and rather more of them. When stand Connecticut, which is known all over the continent as a great trafficker in the insurance business, cannot afford guarantees against mismanagement, like that of the Home Company, it is time for people to be incredulous.

When the Postmaster-General again recommends to Congress the adoption of the cent-postage scheme—by which we mean the transmission of open letters, written on a cent, for one cent—he will not have to go to Europe for an example. The Canadian Post-office Department is about to introduce the plan into the Dominion, where it is awaited with strong expressions of popular favor. The Department will furnish the cards, stamped, and without any expectation of gain to the revenue. The convenience of the plan is so obvious, especially to the population of cities, that the subject should not be allowed to sleep at Washington, because a few representatives are unwilling to borrow an idea from other countries. It is quite bad enough that Congress entails upon the postal service a charge of some millions for the maintenance of the franking privilege.

The depression which pervades San Francisco, and a large part of California, is purified some wholesome fruit. The rascally that has characterized the management of mining companies in that State and Nevada is being exposed with a particularity which should suggest to Eastern people the general inexpediency of risking their money in remote mining enterprises. The Lake Superior copper companies have, in their day, furnished some striking lessons upon this subject. But there is a fascination in gold and silver mining which renders warning words sometimes necessary. According to one San Francisco journal, there are in that city "Rings" as unscrupulous as the worst ever warmed into life by Wall-street intrigue. Really valuable mines are so manipulated that weak and distant stockholders are starved and frightened out by frequent assessments. Other stocks are "bulled" by paying dividends with borrowed money, and other devices, until a high figure is reached,—and then the operators quietly unload. Gould & Curry was run up a few years ago to $4,000 per share; the sharpers who had control sold what they had, and the price tumbled down immediately. It is now quoted at $47 50. The Crown Point, which was forced up to $140, now brings but $8. Dozens of other companies might be named which have dropped altogether out of sight,—but not until the sharpers had filled their pockets. Colorado supplies instances scarcely less notable.

AMUSEMENTS.

Announcements and News.

The event of the week will be, without doubt, the reappearance of Mr. EDWIN BOOTH in "Richelieu." The first appearance of Mr. BOOTH this season will be made to-night.....At Wood's Museum, the first performance of "St. George and the Dragon" is to be given.....Mr. JOSEPH JEFFERSON begins an engagement at the Brooklyn Academy of Music to-night.....He will act, of course, in "Rip Van Winkle".....An opera will be given this evening at the Fourteenth-street Theatre, but to-morrow "Un Ballo in Maschera" will be sung there.

MR. WOOLLETT'S RECITATIONS.

At the social meeting at Association Hall this evening, Mr. SIDNEY WOOLLETT, a gentleman who is said to possess much talent, is to give recitations from "Hiawatha," and from works of SHAKESPEARE, DICKENS and MACAULAY. Music will be supplied under the direction of Signor MORA.

Sunday Concert at the Grand Opera-House.

The second of the series of Sunday concerts, now occurring at the Grand Opera House, was given last evening. The new band of the Ninth Regiment played with a precision and sentiment it did not attain to on the occasion of a first hearing. The overtures to "Masaniello" and to "William Tell" were rendered with especially good effect. But it seems to us that fewer music would be somewhat more acceptable, and we offer the suggestion in view of intended future concerts. Yesterday's programme consisted of familiar pieces only, with the exception of a composition by Mr. D. L. DOWNING, instrumentally illustrative of one of the infrequent incidents of modern travel, in shape of a pleasant journey by rail.

Annual Meeting of the Members of the Mount Sinai Hospital.

The annual meeting of the members of the Mount Sinai Hospital, in Twenty-sixth-street, near Seventh-avenue, took place yesterday morning. Hon. SAMUEL A. LEWIS, Vice-President, in the chair. There were not more than fifty members present, and as, according to the by-laws, seventy-five are necessary to form a quorum, the proceedings were informal. The report shows that this humane institution, which admits Jew and Gentile alike, has accomplished much in alleviating suffering during the past year, and that it is at present in a very flourishing condition. The sad death of its liberal patron and zealous President, Mr. BENJAM

WASHINGTON.

The Removal of Mr. Motley—San Domingo—Nominations to the Land Office—A Wine Bull of Snow—Latest Arrivals at the Capital—Gov. Vance's Prospects—The New-Bedford Alabama Claimants—Aid to the French Sufferers—The Pavement Celebration.

[Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The President will to-morrow send to the Senate copies of the correspondence relating to the removal of Mr. MOTLEY. The correspondence will include a letter from Mr. MOTLEY, written after he left the Legation, intimating, if not stating, that he had taken to drink excessively.

To this letter Secretary FISH replied, the gist of the case [illegible] thereof. The publication of the correspondence will clear up this matter, which has been so much belogged, and will show that the President had abundant cause for Mr. MOTLEY'S removal, independent of Mr. SUMNER. It is alleged that Mr. MOTLEY was guilty of downright insubordination, and, in effect, defied the President to remove him.

WHAT THE ENGLISH ARE DOING AT BERMUDA.

People who object to the acquisition of San Domingo, at a cost of only $1,500,000, with 20,000 square miles of land, producing every variety of nature's most profitable articles of commerce, and a half a dozen fine harbors, will be interested in learning from the following extract what the English people are doing at the little Island of Bermuda, whose whole commerce is in early potatoes and onions. Rear Admiral LEE of the flag-ship *Seven*, under date of Bermuda, Dec. 6, writes to the Navy Department as follows:

"Vessels disabled on our coast come here to repair and refit. England has spent and is spending much money here in fortifications and military roads, and on its dock-yard and roll-passes. The floating iron dock, built in England and towed here last Summer, at a total expense of $400,000, is a great monument. It can dock the largest and heaviest ship in the world, can be readily used, its bottom can be conveniently cleaned, and it is calculated to last half a century. Now, iron ships can be well kept on this station, and the dock-yard, which is provided with machine shops for the repairs of the hulls and victualing of a fleet, is to be promptly provided with additional factory power to the extent of its capacity and the requirements of a fleet for repairs after battle."

THE SAN DOMINGO RESOLUTION.

The expectation to-night is, that the San Domingo resolution will be the chief subject of consideration in the House to-morrow. The Senate resolutions are on the Speaker's table, and to reach them will require a suspension of the rules, which can only be had by a two-thirds vote. This will be attempted first, but it is somewhat doubtful if it succeeds, unless the Democrats manifest a partisan opposition, which may consolidate the party strength of the Republicans. The Committee of Foreign Affairs will then report the resolutions as they may be agreed upon by the meeting to-morrow morning. The nine members of the Foreign Affairs Committee now here stand as follows on the resolutions now under consideration: For the resolutions, Messrs. BANKS, ORTH, JUDD, MYERS, and SHELDON, all Republicans; against them, Messrs. AMBLER and WILLARD, Republicans, and WOOD and SWANN, Democrats. If there is strength enough to suspend the rules, there will be no debate; if not, there will be an effort made to have one or two days debate, though no desire for discussion is expressed by any Republicans. In case the resolutions of the House pass instead of those of the Senate, then the subject must go back to the Senate for concurrence. In this event, Mr. SUMNER'S friends allege that he will propose concurrence by every means in his power, parliamentary or otherwise. He will object, it is said, to the reading of the resolutions more than once a day, which he can do for three several days under the rules, and it is further said he intends to talk long enough to delay the passage of the resolutions, so that the Commissioners cannot possibly report before the expiration of the present session of Congress. Mr. SUMNER cannot go further than he did on the last occasion, and he cannot do that with the impunity of that occasion. It turns out that the Democratic caucus of the other night, which tried to agree to oppose San Domingo as a party measure, was not harmonious, and such an agreement was not reached. A prominent Democratic member warned his associates that they were flying in the face of all the traditions and doctrines of the Democratic Party, and for one, he was not ready to commit himself to the proposed line of action. The principal object of the Democrats seem to be to oppose San Domingo, if it will divide the Republicans.

NOMINATION FOR THE LAND OFFICE.

The nomination for a successor to Mr. WILSON, in the Land Office, is made out, and is in the hands of the President. The day of sending it to the Senate cannot be definitely stated, but will most probably be Tuesday. There is no reason to believe the nomination will be delayed beyond this week. Serious opposition to confirmation is not anticipated.

THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW.

"The beautiful snow" began falling early in the day, and the storm has continued ever since, the whirling flakes sometimes filling the air as thickly as they ever do in Northern New-England, and accumulating on the ground with great rapidity. Fully five inches have fallen, and horse-car travel is continued with great difficulty. There has thus far been no wind and the temperature of the weather is mild. It is three years since such a snow storm has visited this city and there is every prospect that to-morrow there will be fine sleighing. Those who are fond of that sport and have turn-outs of their own, or can pay the $10 to $20 an hour demanded by the stable-keepers here, are pleased at the snow, but to other people, who are the great majority, it is as much of a horror as two feet would be to the people of New-York.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL AKERMAN.

Attorney-General AKERMAN returned last night, after an absence of several weeks in Georgia. There does not seem to be any foundation for the current reports that he is soon to go out of the Cabinet.

THE LATEST ARRIVALS.

The city is rapidly filling up with visitors, many of whom have business before Congress. Among the arrivals within the past forty-eight hours, are L. E. Chittendan, New-York; J. M. Francis and Gilbert Robertson, Jr., Troy; Gen. Merritt, St. Lawrence; Hon. E. P. Spaulding, Cleveland; Gen. John B. Gordon, Georgia; Edward Learned, Pittsfield, Mass., and W. O. Stoddard, Esq., formerly assistant private Secretary of President LINCOLN.

GOV. VANCE'S PROSPECTS.

Ex-Gov. VANCE, of North Carolina, has been in town for a few days, looking over the chances of his admission to the Senate. The North Carolina Legislature has asked the removal of his disabilities. If that Legislature shall pursue the partisan impeachment of Gov. HOLDEN to the end of a partisan conviction, it may rely upon it that a partisan Senate will never admit a man so conspicuous for disloyalty as was Ex-Gov. VANCE. It would seem that these two matters ought to have no bearing upon each other, but they will, nevertheless.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

THE NEW-BEDFORD ALABAMA CLAIMANTS.

The Committee from New-Bedford visited the Department of State, yesterday, with reference to the *Alabama* claims. Secretary FISH being confined at home by indisposition, their interview was with Assistant Secretary DAVIS. The Committee found that the Executive Department and Congressmen generally were in favor of a prompt settlement of the claims. Mr. CRAPO, in his conversation with Mr. DAVIS, urged the importance of early action on the part of this Government in the audit and payment of these claims before they became stale; that the evidence was now perfect; proofs could be easily obtained, and all needed information gathered from original sources. If a commission were appointed at once, it would prevent the allowance of fictitious and extravagant claims, and the meritorious ones would be included, which otherwise would be neglected and forgotten. He urged the desirability of the indemnity being distributed among the original sufferers rather than to speculators. If payment be made now, those who have suffered losses will receive compensation; but if delayed, the indigent and needy will be compelled to assign for a small per centage. Mr. CRAPO related instances of the hardship not only to owners, but to officers and crews of vessels burnt at sea, and alluded to the case of Capt. JAMES H. CLARK, who was returning home after a voyage of four years in the Indian Ocean with a large cargo of oil, the results of four years of toil and exposure. The earnings of himself and men for four years depended upon the safe delivery of his cargo at the home port. Within a month's sail of New-Bedford the *Alabama* destroyed his vessel and cargo, and the master and crew were put on shore upon one of the Azores, whence they proceeded, utterly destitute, to Fayal, and then, by the charity of American ship-masters, were carried to the United States. Capt. CLARK, a few months after, took command of another ship, sailed around Cape Horn, made his way into the Arctic Ocean, and while there, in the successful prosecution of his voyage, the *Shenandoah* captured and destroyed his vessel, and again his earnings were swept away, and he left in a remote part of the globe, without means of reaching his home and without provisions for his family. Mr. CRAPO represented that there were many such cases, and urged that speedy justice should be done to those men in the allowance and payment of their claims.

NATIONAL BANKS.

Between 100 and 200 national banks have already reported in response to the recent circulars of the Controller of the Currency, calling for reports of their condition. At the close of business, Dec. 28, the exhibit, as far as can be seen at present, is favorable.

AID TO THE FRENCH SUFFERERS.

The grand bazaar at Masonic Hall in aid of the widows, orphans, and wounded of the French Army will commence on Wednesday. The Marchioness DE CHAMBRUN is among the prominent ladies having it in charge. Liberal contributions have been received from citizens of New-York, Philadelphia, Boston, and other cities. The fair will possess unusual attractions to those who are disposed to charity.

THE PAVEMENT CELEBRATION.

Large sums of money have been subscribed to render the proposed celebration on the 20th and 21st of February, in Washington, successful. Arches are to be erected over Pennsylvania-avenue, and the line of this thoroughfare illuminated on the nights of those days. In addition to fast trotting horses, it is contemplated to have a procession of trades and troops of maskers, and other public diversions; and also to invite the editors of the country to visit the city at that time, in order to have a grand reunion of the Press.

BOSTON THEATRICALS.

Complimentary Benefit to Mr. Fechter—A List of His Distinguished Admirers—Accident to Miss Carlotta Leclercq—The Future Movements of the Actor and Actress—Mr. J. W. Wallack's Reappearance.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BOSTON, Saturday, Jan. 7, 1871.

The personal friends of Mr. CHARLES FECHTER have arranged for a complimentary benefit, to be given to that gentleman at the Globe Theatre next Saturday evening, the 14th inst. The following correspondence will appear in the Sunday papers:

BOSTON, Jan. 6, 1871.

Charles Albert Fechter, Esq.:

DEAR SIR: Several of your personal friends, with many others, who have an interest in the drama, wish to testify their appreciation of your exclusive ability as an artist, and to tender to you a complimentary benefit prior to your departure from Boston. Will it be agreeable to you to accept such a testimonial and will you name an evening when it will be most convenient to you to meet an audience in this city on such an occasion?

THOMAS W. LORD, HENRY W. LONGFELLOW, HENRY D. JORDAN, O. W. HOLMES, CHARLES H. DORE, JAMES T. FIELDS, GEORGE S. HILLARD, WILLIAM M. HUNT, T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE, JEREMY ISM, THOMAS G. APPLETON, LOUIS AGASSIZ, EDWIN P. WHIPPLE, JOHN H. CLIFFORD, RICHARD H. DANA, JOHN M. FORBES.

To which letter Mr. FECHTER has made the following reply:

ST. JAMES HOTEL, BOSTON, Jan. 6, 1871.

GENTLEMEN: To say that the complimentary benefit you so kindly offer to tender me will prove most agreeable, is, indeed, falling short of words to express the gratitude of my heart. With pride I accept the honorable testimonial proposed; and its reasonableness shall be treasured as the dearest of my life.

According to the programme already issued for next week, the only evening I can name is that of Saturday, the 14th instant.

Hoping this date will meet your desires, I beg to remain, gentlemen,

Your thankful servant,

CH. FECHTER.

Mr. CHENEY has granted the use of his theatre for the evening named by Mr. FECHTER, and the performance will consist of "Ruy Blas" and "A Sheep in Wolf's Clothing."

ACCIDENT TO MISS LECLERCQ.

This afternoon, while Miss CARLOTTA LECLERCQ was locking a trunk, she broke the ligament covering the knee-pan of her right leg; and the performance of "Black and White," at the Globe, was necessarily omitted, and nearly the whole audience was turned away. Some few remained and witnessed two farces. It is not expected that her injury will interrupt the programme announced for next week.

FUTURE MOVEMENTS.

On leaving Boston Mr. FECHTER and Miss LECLERCQ will go to Pittsburg, Penn., where they will open a new theatre, and it is expected that they will play a star engagement at the Boston Theatre before the close of the present theatrical season.

THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AT THE GLOBE.

The opening bill at the Globe Theatre, under the new régime, will consist of the tragedy of "Romeo and Juliet," with Mrs. SCOTT-SIDDONS as *Juliet*, Mr. J. W. WALLACK as *Mercutio*, and Mr. WALTER MONTGOMERY (probably) as *Romeo*.

FECHTER AND LONGFELLOW.

Mr. FECHTER dined this evening with Prof. HENRY W. LONGFELLOW. OAKHAM.

Cheap Homes for the Million.

The pressure for quick transit to the homes of business New-York, though not yet equal to its necessity, becomes daily greater. Hitherto the desideratum has been chiefly sought to be attained by means of an underground railroad to Westchester County. It is well to consider, in competition with that project of relief, the claims of another, now attracting attention, which proposes to give us a free circuit of our grand harbor, at the same time that it both makes accessible a vast area of comparatively cheap lands, and brings the great Western and Southern railroad system directly to our wharves and warehouses.

It is claimed by gentlemen who have given the subject some attention, that all this can be effected by constructing a series of feasible bridges to connect New-York to Brooklyn, and Jersey City and the latter to Staten Island; also, that this project would open to free and easy communication more than 60,000 square acres of land immediately around the harbor, and much nearer the centres of business than any to be reached by the underground road, which would facilitate movement in one direction only.

It may be doubted if the tunnel project could be carried out for $40,000,000, whereas it is urged that all the necessary bridges of the competing plan could be constructed for half this sum. The land immediately around the harbor, not now easy of access, is comparatively cheap. Estimating the 60,000 acres at an average of $1,000, and that they will rise to $5,000 per acre (a little over $900 per city lot) on the construction of the bridges, we have $240,000,000 added to the taxable wealth of the country, yielding a revenue, at only one per cent., of $2,400,000 per annum.

But the great public advantage would be found, as already suggested, in the accessibility of homes for those who do business in this City, and who now must lose from one and a half to three hours daily in comfortless travel to and from their domiciles. With bridges across the Hudson and East Rivers, and others over the Narrows and the Kill Von Kull, the comfortable railway trains traveling thereon will be able to reach cheap homes for millions within the half hour now consumed in hanging on an omnibus strap while riding from the City Hall to Twenty-fifth-street.

Again, it would be a great desideratum to bring the termini of the railway systems of the West and South directly into the lower part of the City. An elevated railroad connecting the City ends of the proposed bridges with a series of depots would necessarily follow. As these depots it would be simple matter to load freight cars on the ends of them, and transfer them by steam-elevators to the level of the tracks, thus avoiding all double handling, and these facilities could be extended, indefinitely, by the grade of business should require.

These suggestions are certainly worthy of consideration. They are not ours, but we present them as the ideas of practical men, that they may have whatever influence they command for themselves in shaping or modifying public opinion as to the best methods of facilitating traffic and travel, and of securing the unhampered outlets for our overflowing City population.

A Graceful Act of Hospitality.

We are not in the habit, as our readers are aware, of chronicling private social festivities, but on Saturday evening last an act of most graceful and generous hospitality was performed that it deserves a record, and ought to be an example. Mr. D. WILLIS JAMES (partner in the firm of FERRIS, DODGE & CO.,) one of the Trustees in the Children's Aid Society, had just finished a beautiful residence on Park-avenue and Thirty-ninth-street, a house known to the lovers of art for its Byzanto-Gothic style and picturesque outlines but exceedingly convenient and spacious within. Mr. JAMES conceived the generous thought of celebrating his "house warming" by opening his house that evening to all the teachers, superintendents of lodging-houses and employes of the Children's Aid Society.

There were gathered accordingly, in the elegant rooms, some seventy of these hard-working men and women, who do so much good and have so few pleasures. Every effort was made to render the evening attractive and lively to these excellent laborers of humanity.

The best amateur actor in New-York society, Mr. EDWARD M. CULLEN, performed charades, and sang comic songs till his audience melted with laughter. A distinguished professional reader, Mrs. AMES, contributed some very eloquent and effective dramatic readings, and two amateur singers, the Misses BULKLEY, rendered Italian songs and Irish ballads, with delightful effect. Mr. BRYANT was present, and introduced to the teachers, and Rev. Dr. ADAMS made a most touching conversational address to them. After four hours of talk, merriment, music, and a splendid supper, the cheerful company broke up just before midnight, thanking Mr. and Mrs. JAMES most cordially, for the happiest evening in the year. Besides those mentioned there were present Messrs. Wm. E. Dodge, Jr., M. K. Jesup, R. Hoe, Jr., E. P. Fabbri, John Paine, Rev. Dr. Field, Howard Potter, Geo. Cabot Ward, R. J. Livingston, A. Van Rensselaer, Judge Kirkland, Wm. A. Booth, C. E. Whitehead, and other distinguished citizens.

Such an employment of wealth and hospitality as this ought to be an example to our fortunate classes.

A PACIFIC CABLE.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Proposed New Submarine Telegraph—Report of Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles.

As previously stated in the TIMES, at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, last Thursday, Mr. SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Telegraph Affairs, &c., presented a report, to accompany the resolution of the Chamber, recommending to Congress the passage of laws facilitating the laying of a submarine telegraph cable connecting the western coast of America with the eastern coast of Asia, and *materially aiding any monopoly*. The report and resolution were ordered to be printed. The following is the report:

A submarine telegraph under the Pacific Ocean forms an all-important link in a general telegraphic chain, or system, to surround the globe. This great circle may be best described and understood in segments showing their extent by degrees of latitude and longitude. It embraces two grand divisions, each containing a continent and an ocean. The western embraces the Western Continent and the Atlantic Ocean, extending from San Francisco, in California, to Valentia, in Ireland, over 112° of longitude; while the eastern embraces the Eastern Continent and the Pacific Ocean, extending from Valentia to Shanghai, in China, over the remaining 248° of longitude, of which the Eastern Continent covers 132°, and the Pacific Ocean the remaining 116°, thus completing the entire circle of 360°. Of these two segments of this terrestrial circuit, from San Francisco to Valentia, has been finished largely, if not mainly, by the energies of the citizens of the United States. Of the remaining segment, the portion covered by the Eastern Continent is now nearly completed. Two continuous lines extend eastwardly from Valentia, one taking a northerly direction, through the United Kingdom, Germany, European and Asiatic Russia, to the present temporary terminus at Kiachta, an important Russian entrepôt in Eastern Siberia, near the Chinese frontier, in north latitude 51°; while the other pursues a south-easterly course toward the Ottoman Empire, through Austria, Turkey, Persia and other Asiatic countries to Bombay in Hindustan, and thence to Point de Galle in Ceylon, near the equator in north latitude 6°. Kiachta is 116° and Ceylon 81° east from Valentia. This land line through Turkey and Persia being liable to occasional interruption in regions only partially civilized, a submarine line has also been laid from Italy through the Mediterranean Sea, the Red Sea, and the Arabian Sea to Bombay.

By the lines above described commercial and other messages are now regularly telegraphed without interruption from London to Kiachta and Point de Galle. The cost from London to Ceylon for ten words is $10 25 in gold; from New-York to Ceylon, $18 95. The steamer letter postage from Ceylon to Hong Kong, near Canton, is thirty-seven cents, and the time of passage from fourteen to sixteen days.

The Committee have learned on good authority (the commercial agent of Messrs. A. A. LOW & BROTHERS, residing at Hong Kong, and now in New-York,) that active measures are in progress for extending a submarine telegraphic line from Ceylon to Singapore, through 23° of longitude, which will probably be completed by the 1st March next. Singapore lies between 1° and 2° north of the equator, and has become an important focal point in the commerce of the East. It was founded by the British Government in 1824, and already enjoys a yearly commerce of nearly $50,000,000. The distance from Singapore to Hong Kong is about 1,400 miles, the steamer mails being carried in six days. The sub-marine telegraph line now in progress, will probably be completed within the present year or the year following. A submarine line is also in active progress from Hong Kong to Shanghai—about 1,000 miles. The newspaper *Overland Test*, published at Hong Kong, states that the wire has all arrived, so that the speedy completion of the line is now assured. Induced by political or religious scruples, the Chinese Government has hitherto prohibited the laying any telegraphic line on their territory, but at the terminus of the line on the Eastern Continent will probably be established for a time in the flight at Shanghai, in the estuary of the Yang-Tse-Kiang, the great river of Eastern Asia. At this important point, the junction between the northern and southern lines will be made, through the enterprise of a Danish company at Hong Kong, now actively constructing a line on land from Kiachta about 1,400 miles to the Sea of Japan, to be extended by a line under its waters of about 800 miles to Shanghai. The completion of these lines on the Eastern Continent, in connection with the lines now established in the Atlantic and upon the Western Continent, will afford to the merchants of the United States without any line in the Pacific, a constant telegraphic communication not requiring more than three days at the utmost with every important commercial port in the civilized world north of the equator. Similar facilities will soon be extended to the South-ern Hemisphere by the Australian branch, leading south-eastwardly from Singapore, across Java and Sumatra, other islands of the great Eastern Archipelago, or along their coasts into Australia as far as Melbourne in 37° south latitude. It is especially noticeable that the commerce of the United States with this interesting portion of the globe, just entering on its career of civilization, is rapidly increasing in importance. The exports of the United States to Australia alone in 1868, were $4,848,000 exceeding by one-fourth the total exports to all the nations around the Baltic, which were only $3,611,000. It must be manifest that the commercial welfare of the United States would be greatly benefited by a telegraphic line leading directly across the Pacific, while its peculiar value in war, in properly directing naval operations in those distant waters, can hardly be over-estimated. We should also bear in mind that a telegraphic line under either the Atlantic or the Pacific Ocean connects the two continents, so that any interruption in one of the oceans may be remedied by the working of the line in the other.

A far higher public necessity for a line directly across the Pacific is found in the fact that the whole of the land on the American Continent over which it would be extended to the Atlantic, and thence to Europe, is subject to the sole political rule of the United States or of the adjacent maritime provinces of British America. The populations of these English-speaking portions of the world would be fully able, if consolidated by political union, or allied by proper treaties, to protect the line, whether on the land or in either of the oceans, from hostile interference. While, on the other hand, the line laid on the land of the Eastern Continent, occupying the territory of numerous nations of Europe and Asia, widely differing in language, civilisation and forms of government, will be necessarily exposed to capricious and arbitrary interruption, if not to violent aggression.

Two telegraphic lines under the Pacific have been suggested to the Committee, one commencing at San Francisco, in latitude 37°, and directing southwardly to the Sandwich Islands, in latitude 20°; the other, commencing in latitude 37° north, and thence south-westerly to Shanghai, latitude 30°; its length will be 5,519 nautical miles. The other and more southerly line will extend from San Francisco along the coast of British Columbia and Alaska, and thence near the Aleutian Islands to the eastern coast of Russia and thence along the coast of Japan to Shanghai, in China. It is claimed that this line will be shorter than that by the way of the Sandwich Islands. The Committee do not desire to pass any judgment on the merits of the two lines in question. They would only insist on the vital importance of keeping any and all telegraphic lines, under the Pacific or any other ocean of sea, as far as possible free from any exclusive privilege or monopoly. The oceans and seas were created for the common use of mankind, and should not be exclusively appropriated by any individual or any association of men. Before this intelligent Chamber of Commerce, it can hardly be necessary to advert to the transcendent importance of a world-encircling telegraphic system, diffusing through all the markets daily information of the prices of grain and the condition of products and merchandise, the widespread solidarity of commerce now rapidly coming to be recognized, and commercial facilities secured for a part of the facilities for the whole. With this view the Committee have deemed it necessary to collect and present in tabular form the amount of foreign commerce of the various civilized nations, and especially of their commerce on the Pacific and the Indian Oceans. The aggregate of the whole number is a total yearly foreign commerce exceeding eight thousand millions of dollars, of which Great Britain, France and the United States have more than five-eighths. The commerce with Asia of Europe and America, on the Pacific and Indian Oceans, exceeds one hundred millions of dollars. The particulars are contained in the tables accompanying the present report.

AFRICAN COLONIZATION.

Meeting of the American Colonization Society—Addresses by Rev. Dr. Samson, Rev. Dr. Haight, and Rev. Dr. Orcutt.

A meeting of the friends of the American Colonization Society, whose object is to colonize Africa with the people of color in this country, was held last evening at Butger's Presbyterian Church, Madison-avenue, corner Twenty-ninth-street. Owing to the inclemency of the weather there was not a large attendance. Rev. Dr. RAMSON, President of Columbian College, Washington, D. C., delivered the opening address. He contended that true philanthropy must recognize the fact that the spiritual and temporal interests of man are indissolubly knit together, and that to improve the race the pure Gospel of Christ must be preached, and that no people, however dark or uncivilized, should be excluded from the benign influence of Christianity. There may be moral, social and intellectual differences among men, but it was the design of the Heavenly Father to elevate and ennoble them all. His mandate was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and therefore all sceptical objections to the elevation of benighted Africa must be laid aside. The speaker then referred to the immense extent of Africa proper, distinguishing it from the Africa known to the Romans in the time of AUGUSTUS. It is, he said, almost to this day an immense unexplored ocean, practically cut off from the civilized world, and yet, according to the Divine command, it is to be redeemed. "Ethiopia shall soon stretch forth her hand unto God." The past history of Ethiopia and Abyssinia, and the success which has attended Christian missionaries in its Africa, are indications that the fulfillment of this prophecy is not far off. The deep religious sentiment which is such a marked characteristic of the colored people of the South, should stimulate increased efforts to support the Republic of Liberia, by whose influence the millions in the South are alone reached. And as Africa is to be redeemed, the agents to carry out such a glorious work must be the colored people of this country, who have elevated to dignity of freemen, and are rapidly advancing in education and refinement. The Colony of Liberia, which was designed by MONROE and CLAY, is rapidly outgrowing the original intentions of its founders, just as the Colony of America has long ago done. Political, mercenary, and other motives, propel men to settle in colonies, but above all the intentions of man God's purpose reigns, and He has His own wise ends to accomplish. The speaker then contended that the American Colonization Society is the only agency by which the work of evangelizing Africa can be carried out. It has sent bands of faithful, enlightened men into the heart of the African deserts, who have, in many cases, successfully opposed that arch slave trade, which was carried on in these regions, after it was stopped on the ocean. Dr. SAMSON concluded a very able address by referring to the character of the colonists, who have been sent to Liberia, and which, he said, was unjustly reflected on in the *Tribune*. He (he said) not claiming for them perfection, there were many noble and great men among them, and the most judicious care had been used in their selection. Liberia would compare favorably with any colony that has ever been founded, and its advance has been steady, and such as to inspire its friends with bright hopes for its future history.

Rev. Dr. BENJ. J. HAIGHT, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, was the next speaker, and having referred to the immense importance of the subject at the present time, argued very earnestly in favor of carrying on the missionary work in Africa by the agency of the people of color. The Episcopal Church had established a mission over thirty years ago, and although it had been instrumental in accomplishing much good, still it was at a great cost, for the lives of many noble men and women had been sacrificed by the rigors of the climate. A great effort had been made, but human nature cannot be pressed so far, and now the lesson, which the consideration of the subject teaches, is that the elevation of the African race cannot be accomplished by the white race, but that they must look for agency elsewhere. The finger of Providence clearly points to the colored men of America, as the destined standard-bearers of the cross of Christ to their brethren in Africa. The history of Liberia is of the deepest interest, and illustrates, in all its parts, the Divine purpose of introducing civilization by means of colonies. Here a fruitful seed has been planted for spreading the blessings of civilization; and in proportion as it is fostered by America and England, so shall "Ethiopia stretch forth her hands unto God." Dr. HAIGHT next spoke of the present encouraging state of the Negro race in America, over a million of whom are educated, while multitudes are seeking to spread the knowledge of the Gospel. The blessings they have experienced among their brethren who are still sitting in the darkness of superstition, the speaker, by exciting the religious fervor of the negro race, and strongly urged the claims of Christ, should stimulate all the darkness and misery in which Africa is hidden from their view. It is sufficient for them to know that millions are there living in the shadow of death, and that it is a duty incumbent on all Christian nations to use every effort to elevate and civilize them.

Rev. Dr. ORCUTT followed in a brief address, in which he detailed the many efforts put forth for African colonization from the time of Dr. HOPKINS, of Rhode Island, who, one hundred years ago, initiated the movement, to the establishment of the present society, which, he said, combined all the elements of success, and was worthy the support of all Christian and philanthropic people.

The Proposed Reception for the Released Irish Political Prisoners.

A meeting of Irish nationalists was held, yesterday, at the armory of the First Regiment, corner of Broadway and Fourth-street, for the purpose of taking measures to tender the released Irish political prisoners a proper reception on their arrival in this country, and to collect funds to relieve their immediate necessities. The meeting was not well attended, in consequence of the inadequate notice given in the Press, but it was enthusiastic. Mr. BYRNE, who was called to the chair, explained the object of the attendance, and requested that for the independence of the men whom they intended to honor, as well as for their own respect, their action be uninfluenced by political considerations. A discussion arose as to the propriety of conferring on those who had also been imprisoned in Ireland for political offenses the honor of forming themselves into a body-guard to receive their companions on their arrival, but it was finally dropped without any definite action. Messrs. Masterson, Dowling, Byrne, Schooley and Merrigan were appointed a committee to consult with similar committees on the best means to advance the end they had in view. It was also determined to convene a mass-meeting at an early date. A subscription list was then opened to defray current expenses, after which the meeting adjourned.

Melancholy Suicide—A Man Shoots Himself on His Wife's Grave.

On Saturday afternoon a well-dressed man, about twenty-six years of age, drove up to the Lutheran Cemetery, Middle Village, L. I., and, showing a ticket, was admitted to the grounds, and directed to a grave which he said was the grave of his wife. In a very few minutes the attention of the attendant was drawn to the locality by the explosion of a pistol, when it was ascertained that the man had shot himself, his body falling across the grave to which he had been directed. An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner TEWKSBURY, of Hunter's Point, when the following facts were ascertained: The name of the unfortunate man was PETER SMITH. He resided at No. 60 Thorpe-avenue, Williamsburg; was a carpenter by trade; twenty-six years of age, and some weeks ago lost his wife and only child by small-pox, which has been raging in that part of Brooklyn. He has been very disconsolate, saying that he would soon meet his wife. About noon he hired a horse and buggy, saying that he was going into the country, when he deliberately drove to the cemetery and there shot himself. The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with these facts.

THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL.

A Small Fortune Obtained by Embezzlement and Forgery—Arrest of the Secretary of the Brooklyn Refinery Company.

An arrest was made in this City yesterday morning which, in consequence of the position occupied by the prisoner, is likely to occasion much excitement. EDWARD S. STOKES, Secretary of the Brooklyn Refinery Company, at No. 18 Pine-street, was arrested yesterday at the instance of W. A. BYERS, for collecting money due the Company, and appropriating it to his own use. It is charged that STOKES procured from the Devoe Manufacturing Company three checks on the Importers' and Traders' Bank, two of them for $10,000 each, and one for $7,500, and forged the Company's signature. He then had the checks certified and deposited them in the Fulton National Bank to his own account. On the strength of his signature, and on behalf of the Company, he then obtained from the Bank, on the 3d January, two drafts, one for $9,000 and one for $7,500. Yesterday Deputy Sheriff [illegible] received a warrant for STOKES' arrest. Mr. BYERS, treasurer of the Company, accompanied by Detectives WOOLDRIDGE, JAMES FOX, Jr., and others, on Saturday evening, located the prisoner in his accommodation at Jersey City, but without success. They visited the residence in Brooklyn, and failing to find him there, it was assumed he had sailed for Europe. Yesterday morning, about 11 o'clock, he was seen by a citizen leaving No. 359 West Twenty-third-street. He jumped into a waiting carriage close was waiting, and drove rapidly off. The officer followed and traced him to a house of ill-fame in East Nineteenth-street, and from thence to the Hoffman House. Scarcely had he entered the hotel when he was confronted by Mr. BYRNE, who was there awaiting information. The officers proceeded to arrest him, but he resisted violently. He was finally arrested, and a revolver was found upon him. From the Hoffman House he was taken to the Tombs Police Court, where he was committed, Justice DOWLING refusing to take bail, though the prisoner offered to procure any amount. The prisoner was placed in charge of an officer and taken to Police Headquarters, and will be brought before Justice DOWLING, at the Tombs, this morning.

McCartney, the Counterfeiter, Again—From the Chicago Times, Jan. 6.

The notorious counterfeiter, PATRICK MCCARTNEY, is again in the city, having arrived here Monday. He was released from the jail at Springfield, Ill., on $15,000 bail, a few days since, and is here in search of those missing bonds. Chief of Police RUFFIN has sworn by the gray beard which he could grow, if he desired, that he will find those bonds if he has to quarter all his subordinates and tear up the entire city, even including the destruction of our noble public edifices, and moreover, that he will devote the remainder of his life to this work, and leave an immense life insurance in the hands of competent commissioners to insure it when his body lies moldering in the tomb." If the promise is not sufficient, the Chief is prepared to magnify it to any reasonable extent, and more than this could not be asked of any man.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

Coroner YOUNG will, today, hold an inquest at the German Hospital, on Seventy-second-street and Fourth-avenue, over the body of EDWARD BREHUE, who died from injuries received by being run over by a Third-avenue car, near Seventy-ninth-street. The deceased who was aged twenty-seven years, attempted to jump from the front platform of the car and fell beneath the wheels. He was a book-keeper, and lived in East Eighty-third-street.

JOHN GREEN, who, on Saturday, gave an altered check for $1,324 in payment for a diamond ring, at STARR & MARCUS' establishment, No. 21 Maiden-lane, was yesterday committed for trial, at the Tombs, by Justice DOWLING. JAMES TURNBULL, book-keeper for Mr. A. T. AUSTIN, at No. 200 Chambers-street, testified that the second obtained from him a check for $25, on the plea that he wished to send it into the country, and that the check presented by GREEN was this one altered to the larger figure.

WM. F. WARNER, who was arrested for having stolen $4,300 worth of railroad bonds, belonging to Messrs. WHITNEY & WARNER, of Nashua, N. H., by whom he was employed as book-keeper, was, yesterday, taken before Justice DOWLING, at the Tombs, and discharged, the members of the firm declining to make complaint. The junior partner of the firm is father of the accused.

HORACE WATERS, No. 54 Christie-street, was on Saturday night, attacked near his own door, by two unknown men, who knocked him down, kicked and beat him, and one of them cut him on the nose with some sharp instrument, causing a serious wound. The villains then fled.

ERNST MULLER, who, on Saturday night, beat his wife on the head with a window-shade roller, at No. 231 Bowery, was yesterday committed to the Essex Market Prison by Justice SCOTT, to await the result of the woman's injuries.

THOMAS MCGUIRE, who had been complained of by Police Commissioner THOMAS J. BARR, residing at No. 31 West Thirtieth-street, for keeping a disorderly house at No. 46 West Thirtieth-street, was yesterday held to bail by Justice COX in the sum of $4,000.

WM. REARDON and JOHN DWYER, who the Police say are thieves, were on Saturday arrested by Officer COZINS, of the Seventh Precinct, having in their possession a very valuable set of harness they are supposed to have stolen. They were committed by Justice SCOTT.

FRANK J. DEVLIN was yesterday committed by Justice COX for having cut ANDREW J. COCHRANE, of No. 231 Thompson-street, in the side with a razor, causing a severe wound.

Hon. MARK D. WILBER will deliver a lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association of Spring-street Church, near Varick-street, this evening. His subject is "Pictures."

JAMES STRICKLEY, alias "Beast," colored, an escaped convict, who was sentenced some time ago, for a term of years, for a burglary in Broome-street, was, last evening, arrested in the Eighth Ward.

A slight fire occurred last evening in the apartments of EWING, at No. 430 East Fourteenth-street, caused by the burning of a Christmas-tree. In extinguishing the fire, EWING was slightly burned about the head and face. While on the way to the fire, Hook and Ladder trucks Nos. 8 and 1 collided at Second-avenue and Eighteenth-street, smashing a lamp-post and damaging both trucks. MICHAEL MCEVOY, driver of No. 8, was thrown off and received a serious cut on the head.

A very interesting meeting was held at the Sixteenth Ward Boys' Lodging-house, No. 211 West Eighteenth-street, last night, at which there were over sixty boys present. They were suitably addressed by Judge KELLOGG and Messrs. BERGH and HOWE. The attention of the poor boys who find a temporary home here is marked, evidencing that those gentlemen who take so kindly an interest in them are not laboring in vain. It no part of the City is an institution of this sort more needed than the Sixteenth Ward, and the Children's Aid Society act right thing in planting one of their lodging-houses in this locality.

A fire occurred early yesterday in the basement of No. 44 Washington-place, occupied by J. M. PURDY, causing damage to furniture and effects to the amount of $200; not insured. The building, owned by JOHN LAYTON, was damaged $1,000.

JOHN FOWLER'S carpenter-shop, at No. 544 Pearl-street, was damaged by fire, yesterday morning, to the amount of $500. Insured.

JOHN MCCORMACK was yesterday committed by Justice COX for having stolen a clock valued at $30 belonging to GEORGE S. MINTNER, of No. 96 Spring-street.

A Lodge of Sorrow by Geo. H. Reiry Lodge F. and A. M. of this City, was held last evening at the lodge-rooms, corner of Christopher and Hudson streets, in memory of the late Dr. ARRAGATTA, a departed brother. The ceremonies were of a solemn and impressive character.

A number of prominent residents of the district which Judge COX is an Associate Police Justice, meet in the Jefferson Assembly Rooms, on Saturday evening, and organized a JUDGE COX Association. The following officers were elected: President, JOHN WHITMONE; Vice-President, Ex-Judge Dessenberry; Secretary, William F. Quinlan; Corresponding Secretary, James Houghtalin; Treasurer, Frank Houghtalin; Sergeant-at-Arms, Hugh McEvoy. The next regular meeting will be held at the Jefferson Assembly Rooms this afternoon, at 4½ o'clock.

While PATRICK CURLEY, a coachman, residing at No. 406 Grand-street, Williamsburg, was driving along Thirty-sixth-street, near Third-avenue, on Saturday night, on his way to the ferry, JOHN JACKSON, leaned up on the carriage and snatching a black bearskin rug, made off with it. CURLEY gave pursuit and arrested the daring thief after a chase of half a dozen blocks. JACKSON was

BESIEGING PARIS.

How the Prussians Bring up their Siege Guns.

Writing from Nanteuil, on Dec. 7, a correspondent of the London Times sketches the system of artillery transportation by means of which the Prussian guns are being brought around Paris. He says: "When, some thirty years ago, the question of the propriety of fortifying Paris was discussed in the French Chambers, one objection made to the scheme was that it was uncalled for, inasmuch as the difficulty of bringing up heavy guns rendered it most improbable that the regular siege of the French capital would ever be undertaken. The use of railways as military roads was at that time scarcely foreseen, and the French Deputies of the Opposition would have laughed to scorn the idea—an idea which has, nevertheless, become a fact—of transporting siege guns, weighing with the carriage something like five tons, from Magdeburg to Villacoublay, in the environs of Paris. A full account of the Prussian siege park might, without impropriety, be made to include a history of artillery of all kinds during the last century and a half, from the manufacture of the heaviest mussle-loaders to that of the lightest breech-loaders, such as, under the name of "new twenty-four-pounders," otherwise fifteen-centimetre guns," played so important a part the other day in reducing Strasbourg. Even the "breech-battery" guns, as used at Strasbourg, throwing shells of 200 weight, are light, compact little pieces compared with the old-fashioned iron monsters which, without the slightest respect for their age, have been torn from their historical resting-places in the fortresses of Central Germany to be employed either by way of menace or for actual bombardment against Paris. Let me add that I am one of those who do not believe that the Prussians have put themselves to the expense of casting new guns and to the worry of transporting old ones merely to make a demonstration against Paris—especially as no demonstration has yet been made. The bombardment was certainly meant, and it may have been postponed—perhaps abandoned—for the simple, but sufficient, reason that the forts on the south of Paris, called Issy, Vanvres, Montrouge and Bicêtre, which, as a preliminary to the bombardment, were to have been demolished by the Prussian batteries, have demolished not a few of the Prussian batteries instead.

THE RAILWAY ENGINEERS.

Each of the four North German armies has a corps of railway engineers belonging to it; indeed, as the Bavarians have also their own special railway engineers, there are altogether five of these corps attached to the German troops, whose particular duty it is to repair or to destroy lines of railway as the necessity may arise. Each corps or company consists of 250 men, of whom thirty are civilians acquainted with the details of railway engineering. To each company are appointed an engineer-in-chief, an ordinary engineer, and my informant specially charged with keeping the rails in order; and each company is initiated by a captain and three lieutenants, who are usually officers of the Landwehr. The first and fourth of these railway companies, belonging to the first and fourth armies, constructed at the beginning of the war the railway from Remilly to Pont à Mousson, which "turned" Metz—a detachable sloping, circular line, which, from its ellipticalness, came to be known as the "Glacier-Bahn," or "Ice-hill Railway." The second and third companies, belonging to the second and third armies, repaired the line from Wissembourg to Wesselheim, and from Nancy to Nanteuil; the latter work they had to do twice, in order to leave a gap in and about Toul (the outskirts of which are traversed by the railway line,) and in case of the fortress not surrendering by the end of September, they had, I believe, formed a plan for "turning" the place. To the second and third companies, too, fell the duty of replacing the railway bridge blown up at Vitry le François, which they did by means of two wooden bridges, 120 feet long, one for each line of rails. These bridges, each of which is supported by twelve wood-n piles, were constructed in ten days. The blown-up tunnel at Nanteuil (between Nanteuil and Lagny) was a more serious affair to deal with. About 110 feet of sandy earth had been brought down upon it from an adjoining hill; and, after trying in vain to reconstruct the tunnel, or rather to retunnel the mound, the civil and military engineer companies have at last been obliged to "turn" the difficulty.

EN ROUTE.

To go back to the heavy artillery question, the first instalment of siege guns from Wissembourg (reserved shutter fire from the inner fortress of Obermenz) to Nanteuil was made on the 9th of October, a fortnight or so after the capitulation of Toul. A provisional siege park, or siege park of reception, was formed at Nanteuil; and from Nanteuil the guns were sent on under cavalry escort, and the road (the Metz road) by a very roundabout road, to Villacoublay, where a park was established for supplying the siege batteries opposite Paris. On the 9th or 10th of October the first supply of siege guns, fourteen in number, were delivered at Nanteuil, and the next day drawn up in the park, which, by the way, overlooks the Marne, and is, altogether all that constituted it a park has now been forwarded to Paris,) a space of twenty-six acres. During the next nine days siege guns, chiefly of modern, and indeed, quite recent manufacture, were delivered at Nanteuil in the following numbers: 14, 8, 6, 10, 14, 12, 8, 12, 14, 16, 12. Of the last thirteen guns, six were rifled mortars of the Strasbourg "breech battery" pattern, carrying 200-pound shells—the only thoroughly new gun that the Prussians have introduced since the 1866 war. Up to the 20th of October, then, 120 siege guns had arrived at Nanteuil, or rather, 120 siege guns had arrived at Nanteuil, on route for Villacoublay. But before the end of the month seventy more had arrived, so that by the 1st of November 190 siege guns, for the most part of the newest and heaviest make, and of the most penetrating qualities, were at Villacoublay, or on their way to that place. It was in the interval that time to see the various kinds of artillery collected at Nanteuil, and not less so the beautifully prepared ammunition, especially the elongated, almost elegant shells for the 200-pound weight rifled mortars, each packed carefully in its own peculiar case, surrounded and protected by hay, like bottles of valuable old wine.

A PARK COMPLETE.

When the park at Villacoublay is quite complete (it can scarcely be so at this moment) it will, I believe, include, or will have included in artillery and ammunition: Fifty fifty-pound rifles, with 500 shots each, (25,000 shots;) eighty six-pounders, breech-loaders, 750 shots each, (60,000 shots;) 120 twelve-pounders, breech-loaders, 750 shots each, (90,000 shots;) 120 long twenty-four pounders, breech-loaders, 750 shots each, (90,000 shots;) twenty short twenty-four pounders, (fifteen-centimetre guns;) 1,000 shots each (20,000 shots;) fifty (old-fashioned) twenty-five pounders, mussle-loaders, 500 shots each, (25,000 shots;) six rifled mortars, or twenty-one centimetre guns, declared by Prussian artillery officers to be the most powerful mortars in existence. These guns, made after the Strasbourg "breech-battery" pattern, but not as has been stated, forwarded from Sk. Petersburg, reached Nanteuil at the end of October, and were at once sent on to Villacoublay. Of the 200-pounds weight grenades or elongated shells fired by these guns, 150 for each had, at that time, been received.

JOURNEY WITH THE GUNS.

The transport of heavy guns by road from Nanteuil to Villacoublay has been one of the great difficulties attendant upon the siege. The artillery-men march well and the horses pull well; but some of the guns are very heavy, and the roads here and there are so steep, and in so very desirable in escorting a ponderous siege train to avoid the fire of the Paris forts, that the artillery journey from Nanteuil to Villacoublay, as I made it a short time since, extended over something like a hundred miles, and occupied us four days, which was one day less than usual. What is miserable day was that on which we started from the residence of a hospitable Anglo-French proprietor, who, instead of allowing himself to be made the victim of Prussians, had conceived the happy idea of receiving them as though they were his invited guests!—the imposing obligations upon them to which, as gentlemen, the officers could not and did not fail to respond. What a day was this—pouring d'orort; the horses every step sinking in the mud to their fetlocks; the rain pouring down in torrents, the wind blowing like a hurricane; all nature, as it were conspiring against the progress of the guns, which, somehow, all the same had to be got on. Baron VON WITZLEBEN, an officer of Pulrussians, had oddly enough, charge of the train, which consisted of mounted light artillery, pieces of heavy calibre, and, above all, ponderous pieces—the stereotd iron guns from the old German fortresses, the likes of which, these once inferiority will never be seen again. There were in all twenty-eight guns, about 300 infantry and artillery men, a small escort of cavalry, and eight or ten cavalry and artillery officers, who jointly directed the progress of the little army. We had also an ox, which was driven in the rear of the column by an infantry soldier, and which mysteriously disappeared on the evening of the second day's march, which perhaps accounted for the beef so plentifully served to us on the afternoon of the third. Fresh air, rain or no rain, is such a good thing in itself, and Germans are so much novelty in riding with the cavalry, that I set an artillery train bound for Paris (which, we believed, would be bombarded directly our twenty eight guns arrived,) that I didn't much mind getting wet through the first day, or running the second, the third, though it did begin to get rather monotonous on the fourth. However, the infantry and artillery men, which latter relatively protested against the hard weather than I was, did not seem to mind, and they did their twenty and twenty-five miles a day admirably without the slightest grumble. Our greatest trouble was with those horrible old twenty-five-pounders cached from the walls of Germany's disarmed German fortresses—things which would scarcely be out of place side by side with the mortar and long siege gun exhibited between St. James' Park and the Horse Guards, or with the "Lousy Harasser" of early Prussian history, as celebrated by Mr. CARLYLE, or with the guns of the Kremlin, constructed lest to carry shells than to inspire fear. Sometimes one of these huge twenty-five-pounders, (to which, as I have before said, the rifled mortars carrying shells of two hundred weight are mere playthings,) would, on being pulled up a hill, burst its bonds and slip down again, to the dire confusion of men and horses following. It needed ten horses to drag them up an ascent, and twenty men to hold them with ropes as they went down a declivity. Sometimes, under the pressure of five tons, the break gave way. When it remained firm it struck light, and burnt and fumed until literally every gun was enveloped in a little cloud of smoke, and the whole road smelt sugg-stively of the infernal regions. I don't think one of the 300 or 320 men engaged in transporting the guns was knocked up by the bad weather and the heavy marching, which together formed a trying combination. One horse, however, fell ill—a fact which was duly notified to me the next morning by an orderly, who brought me another, saying that the "Herr HAUPTMANN had sent it, with his compliments, for the 'gentleman who was going to see the fighting before Paris.'"

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

In reviewing the transactions of the past week, ending Saturday, Jan. 7, 1871, but little can be added to the detailed report of each day's business already published in this column. The week has not been distinguished by any particular change in the market, and prices remain firm, with a moderate demand for property at private sale. All the public sales made at the Exchange during the week have been of a legal character, and in those that have been effected no one demands special mention. The price obtained in each instance, as a rule, has been good, and the interest manifested in the sales, rather better than usual of late. Monday being a holiday, the Exchange was closed, but on every other day except Saturday some business has been transacted. The aggregate of sales of City property at the Exchange for the week amounts in value to $63,175, and the auctioneers respectively engaged were JAMES M. MILLER, A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. and ROBERT A. MCGUIRE. The location and all other particulars in regard to the property disposed of has been heretofore reported, and therefore a repetition of these matters would be needless.

For the present week there is as yet but little indication of any great activity. All the sales projected are of a legal nature, and as a class not of unusual importance. For Thursday, A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. advertise the sale of the premises No. 12 Bethune-street, between Washington and Greenwich streets, and for the same day other transactions are bulletined at the Exchange. The first really important sale of the year noticed to take place is that under the direction of MILLER, WILLIAMS & CO. on the 18th inst., a week from Wednesday, and those interested in real estate express the opinion that the result of this sale will determine whether any revival of business may at present be hoped for. There are reasons to predict that the transaction will be a success, for the property to be sold is all down-town, and the sale being one in partition, an open market is guaranteed to purchasers. The sale, certainly, as the first of the new year, is looked forward to with interest, and until passed no fixed opinions as to the status of the market can be formed.

As a private sale a large line of property is daily offered, and attention is particularly directed to that advertised by V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-street; HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st; TAYLOR & STEARNS, No. 154 Pine-street, and W. P. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway. The following private sales are reported by WM. H. RAYNOR, 257 Broadway, New-York: Three X lots on the north-east corner of Sixth-avenue and Fifty-seventh-street for $65,000. MR. RAYNOR also reports having disposed of a three-story brick house and lot, 22 by 50 by 100, on the north side of Forty-third-street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, for $18,500; a two-story brown stone house and lot, 18 by 50 by 100, on the south side of Forty-fourth-street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, for $16,000, and another similar piece of property, adjoining, for $16,500, all to be used for private stable purposes.

The *Real Estate Record* for last week has been received, and as the first number for January, 1871, it contains a review of the business of the year, and mention made since the end of the war, with the present value of such property.

Two hundred by 150 feet on Fifth-avenue, Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets; sold January, 1869, for $200,000; now worth $600,000.

Corner of Fifth-avenue and Forty-fifth-street, three lots on avenue and five on street; sold about five years ago for about $160,000; now sold for $325,000.

Fifth-avenue, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets; sold within five years for $90,000 to $95,000 each; now worth $80,000 each.

Two lots on the corner of Fifth-avenue and Fiftieth-street was sold—20 by 100 feet—for $60,000; now worth $75,000. House with two extra lots on the corner of Fifth-avenue and Forty-third-street, sold within five years for $160,000 (or thereabouts) has recently been sold for $275,000.

Corner of Fifth-avenue and Fifty-fourth-street; sold September, 1868, for $37,500, now worth $65,000.

Corner of Fifth-avenue and Fifty-seventh-street; three lots on avenue and one on street; worth five years ago $75,000, now sold for $200,000.

It must be borne in mind that these transactions have all been made since the war ended, when it was predicted that real estate would fall until those who had profited by the rise in property must come down; then why will they not sell when exorbitant prices are offered them. Their fortunes today prove their wisdom in permanent real estate investments, while men whose whole capital is locked up in business are constantly passing off the stage of life, some through failures and paper fashion. Real estate will continue its upward tendency until the choice portions of this island are owned by those who will never desire a change in their investments. Prices are now, for Forty-second-street, about $6,000 per lot; less than five years serving about one-third of these for factories, churches, public buildings, extra-sized houses, &c. we have not more than 40,000, and probably not more than 20,000 available lots in New-York county for stores, dwellings, &c. Now, in another year or five, if the population of this city is as well filled above as it now is below Forty-second-street, what will property be worth compared with its present value? Take Fifth-avenue as an instance of the advance in values, and a glance at the same, years since, and the present price of lots will show that they are not standard value for property in the business or most fashionable locations in a city like New-York. What are a few thousands more or less to a man who never spends his income, compared with a home in every way suited to his taste. The time will come when residences in that city will be worth double the present prices. The world must and will apply to commercial property. How often do we pay exorbitant prices paid for a choice of location for stores in some parts of Broadway. Arguments can be multiplied in favor of the growth of real property in this city, while neither facts nor figures prove the contrary. Before a few years are mentioned

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WISCONSIN, Capt. WILLIAMS ..... Jan. 11, at 9 A. M.
NEBRASKA, Capt. GUARD ..... Jan. 18, at 2½ P. M.
MANHATTAN, Capt. FORSTER, Jan. 25, at 9 A. M.
WYOMING, Capt. WHELAN ..... Feb. 1, at 11 A. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. T. W. FREEMAN ..... Feb. 8, at 2½ P. M.
IDAHO, Capt. PRICE ..... Feb. 15, at 8 A. M.
Cabin passage, $80 gold.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 22 Broadway,) $30, currency.
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WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Wall-st.

NATIONAL LINE.
STEAM TO LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.
Calling at Cork Harbor, Pier No. 4 North River.
HELVETIA, Capt. Brooks, Saturday, Jan. 14, at 10 A. M.
ERIN, Beaks, Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 2 P. M.
FRANCE, Tallman, Saturday, Jan. 28, at 7 P. M.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $75 and $80 currency; steerage, $28 currency.
Prepaid passage tickets from Liverpool, Queenstown, Londonderry and Glasgow, $26 currency.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 29 Broadway.
P. W. J. HURST, Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.
Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:
First Class, $135 to $170. Steerage, $65.
according to the location of berth.
These rates include berths, board and all necessaries for the trip.
Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon.
ON 4TH AND 20TH OF EACH MONTH,
carrying the mail, and passengers for Japan, China and Central America.
One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 12 Broadway, New-York.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
CITY OF MEXICO, Thursday, Jan. 26.
For freight or passage apply to
A. W. DIMOCK, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.—New-York and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line, leaving Pier No. 17 East River, at 12 M.
CLEOPATRA, Phillips ..... Wednesday, Jan. 18
CITY OF MERIDA, Deakes ..... Saturday, Jan. 28
CLEOPATRA, Phillips ..... Tuesday, Feb. 7
CITY OF MEXICO, Thompson ..... Friday, Feb. 17
For freight or passage apply to
W. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 22 Broadway.
Cleopatra goes to Havana only; takes no passengers.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.,
THE FLORIDA PORTS
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.
GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.
CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.
FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK.
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
THE STEAM-SHIPS
LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, TUESDAY, Jan. 10, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 2 P. M.
MURRAY, PERRIN & CO., Agents,
Nos. 41 and 43 South-st.

GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MALLORY, THURSDAY, Jan. 12, from Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO. Agents,
No. 36 Liberty-st.

SAN JACINTO, Capt. ATKINS, SATURDAY, Jan. 14, from Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. E. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, SATURDAY, Jan. 14, from Pier No. 18 North River, at 3 P. M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 48 West-st.

Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.
Superior accommodations for passengers.
Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Freight line.
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Steamer leaves Pier No. 17 East River, at 5 P. M., daily, except Sundays, for Lewes, Del., Monday and Tuesday, at 4 P. M., taking freight for all points on the Junction and Breakwater and Delaware Railroads. Returning, leave Lewes at 8 A. M. Wednesday and Saturday.
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ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAM-SHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
VILLE DE PARIS ..... WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18
WASHINGTON ..... SATURDAY, Jan. 28
For freight or passage apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 42 Broadway.

SAVINGS BANKS.

EXCELSIOR SAVINGS BANK,
No. 652 6th-av.
Broth's Theatre.
Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8.
Money deposited ON OR BEFORE JAN. 20 will draw interest FROM JAN. 1.
Interest at 7 per cent. per annum will be paid on all sums remaining in bank Jan. 1, deposited on or before July 20 and Oct. 20, 1870. Also, AN EXTRA DIVIDEND of 1 per cent. on all sums of $1,000 and under, deposited before Aug. 1, 1869.
If not withdrawn, interest will be credited the account and draw interest from Jan. 1, same as a deposit of money.
WILLIAM H. GILES, President.
ISAAC S. BARRETT, Secretary.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NO. 96 WARREN-ST., NEW-YORK,
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST allowed on all sums. Deposits made on or before 10th of January will draw interest from Jan. 1. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
WASHINGTON L. HUTSON, Secretary.

NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK.
THE FREEDMAN'S SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY.
(Chartered by the Government of the United States.)
No. 116 Lexington-av.
DEPOSITS OVER $3,000,000.
INTEREST, payable or compounded, free of all taxes, THREE TIMES in each year, or every thirty days, as depositors prefer. A specialty made of allowing interest from date of each deposit on sums of $20 and upward, so that funds may not be idle for months as in most Banks, but may return an income promptly. Married women and children have exclusive control over their money deposited in the National Savings Bank. All accounts strictly private and confidential. Deposits can be sent by express. All deposits payable ON DEMAND, with interest.
Open daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., and MONDAYS and SATURDAYS from 6 to 8 P. M.
JOHN J. EUILLE, Cashier.

EXTRA DIVIDEND.
UNION DEME SAVINGS BANK,
Canal-st., corner of Lafayette.
The Board of Trustees have THIS DAY declared the usual half yearly dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT., also an extra dividend of ONE PER CENT., being FOUR PER CENT. for the current six months, to all depositors entitled thereto; payable on or after Jan. 31.
If the Interest is not withdrawn it will be credited the account, and bear interest from Jan. 1, as an original deposit.
ASSETS, $8,019,460 76.
Money deposited on or before Jan. 20 will bear interest from Jan. 1.
JOHN MCLEAN, President.
N. J. HAINES, W. S. WHITLOCK, } Vice-Presidents.
G. S. CRANE, Treasurer.
T. J. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1870.

EAST RIVER
Savings Institution,
NO. 7 CHAMBERS-ST.
FORTY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1870.
INTEREST AT THE RATE OF SEVEN (7) PER CENT. PER ANNUM will be paid on all sums which have remained on deposit for three or six months previous to the 1st day of January, 1871. Interest not called for will be credited as an original deposit.
Bank open daily from 10 to 3, and on Thursdays from 10 to 7. WILLIAM H. SLOCUM, President.
CHARLES A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

Broadway Savings Institution,
NO. 237 BROADWAY, entrance on Park-place.
Interest on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of SIX per Cent. per annum, on all sums of $5 and upward, will be paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 16, 1871.
FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, President.
WADE H. WORRELL, Sec. PETER CUMMING, Asst.

INTEREST FROM THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH.
CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK,
No. 52 Bowery, corner of Canal-st., New-York.
Present rate of interest, SIX PER CENT. on all sums from $5 to $10,000.
Money deposited on or before Jan. 20 will bear interest from Jan. 1.
Interest calculated from the 1st of the month following the day of deposit, and is computed and paid, or credited, Jan. 1 and July 1, on the amount in bank on those days.
Bank open EVERY DAY from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on
MONDAYS and SATURDAYS
from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.
E. A. QUINTARD, President.
SETHUR A. BURR, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK.
Nos. 1 and 2 Bond-st., opposite Cooper Institute.
THIRTY-FIFTH DIVIDEND.
JANUARY, 1871. By direction of the Trustees of this Institution the usual semi-annual interest, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, will be paid on all sums entitled thereto on and after THURSDAY, Jan. 12, or, if not withdrawn, will be added to the account and draw interest from Jan. 1.
DEPOSITS made on or before Jan. 20, will draw interest from Jan. 1.
SIX PER CENT. allowed on ALL SUMS of $5 and upward. One Dollar received.
ISAAC T. SMITH, President.
T. W. LILLIE, Secretary.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK.
Corner 34-st. and 3d-av.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1870.
INTEREST—Semi-annual interest at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum, on all sums from $1 to $5,000, will be paid on and after the THIRD MONDAY in January, 1871.
Interest will be added to accounts Jan. 1, and if not drawn bear interest as new deposits.
All deposits made on or before Jan. 20 will draw interest from Jan. 1.
Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8 o'clock.
SPENCER K. GREEN, President.
WM. S. RIDDER, Secretary.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,
Chatham-square and New Bowery, New-York.
Is now prepared to receive deposits from $1 to $5,000, entitled to interest, as from Jan. 1, 1871, at the rate of six per cent. per annum.
FREE OF UNITED STATES INCOME TAX.
ASSETS, Entirely invested in United States bonds and New-York City bonds and mortgages, 1 December, 1870 ..... $2,207,703 33
DEPOSITS, Incl. accrued interest to date, 1 December, 1870 ..... 2,014,496 00
Surplus over all liabilities $193,702 33
HARRISON HALL, President.
J. P. COOPER, Secretary.
C. D. BARLY, Treasurer.

PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK,
1,146 BROADWAY, BET. 27TH AND 28TH STS.
The usual semi-annual interest at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum, on all sums entitled thereto on the 1st day of January will be paid on and after Tuesday, Jan. 10.
Interest not drawn will be added to the depositor's account and draw interest the same as a deposit of Jan. 1.
All money deposited on or before Jan. 20 will draw interest from Jan. 1.
FREDK. OLMSTEAD, President.
CHARLES T. ROGERS, Secretary.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEAMEN'S BANK FOR SAVINGS have ordered that INTEREST be paid to depositors, entitled thereto, for the six months ending 31st ult., as follows:
On sums of $400 and under at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, and
On sums exceeding $400 at the rate of FIVE PER CENT. per annum.
Also, an EXTRA INTEREST of the same amount, payable on and after MONDAY, 16th inst.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1871.
GEO. F. THOMAS, President.
S. J. MACY, Secretary.

GREENWICH SAVINGS BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1870.
INTEREST WILL BE PAID TO DEPOSITORS at the rate of seven per cent. per annum on all sums from $5 to $5,000, and six per cent. on sums exceeding $5,000, agreeably with the provisions of the by-laws, free from Government tax, and payable on and after Monday, 16th day of January, 1871.
All interest not called for will be credited as principal, and draw interest accordingly. All deposits made on or before January 10, 1871, will draw interest from the 1st day of January, 1871.
JAMES BRIGHAM, President.
J. HARSEN RIGGINS, } Secretaries.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK, 5TH Av., corner of 126th-st.—SIX PER CENT. interest paid on all sums from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before Jan. 20 will draw interest from Jan. 1.
C. W. BRINCKERHOFF, Sec. R. H. BULL, Pres.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

TO MARKETMEN.
HARLEM MARKET NOW OPEN
MODEL MARKET OF NEW-YORK.
Situated in 125th and 126th sts., between 3d and 4th avs. Adjoins Harlem Railroad depot. Third-avenue cars pass the door.
Building of granite and iron of the most imposing and permanent character.
Twenty-six large stands and stalls fitted up in the best manner by tenants.
THIS IS THE ONLY MARKET IN HARLEM OR VICINITY.
Applications for stalls and stands should be made to Theodore Weiss, Esq., at his office, No. 120 Broadway, between 10 and 12 A. M., or at the market between 2 and 4 o'clock P. M., or to the Superintendent, Geo. O. Burns, who will be at the market at all times.

MEETINGS.

NEW-YORK DISPENSARY.
The annual election of seven Trustees, whose terms shall then expire, will be held on MONDAY the 23d inst., at the Trustees' Room, in the said Dispensary.
The polls will open at 4 o'clock, and close at 5 o'clock P. M. ROBERT B. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

NEW-YORK MARINE SOCIETY.
The annual meeting of the members of this Society, will be held at Kohl's Hotel, No. 120 Pearl-st., on MONDAY EVENING NEXT, 9th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M.
JAS. A. JOSEPH PERKINS, Secretary.

DRY GOODS.

LORD & TAYLOR
Beg to announce that they are now prepared to furnish at short notice Trousseaus, Infants' Outfits and Mourning Suits at reasonable prices.
In their Ladies' and Children's Furnishing Department may be found a stock of every description of Undergarments, Made-up Dresses, &c., which they believe to be unequaled in the country.
BROADWAY AND 20TH-ST.

DRESS GOODS BELOW COST!
64 BEST AMERICAN DELAINES at 12½c. per yard.
64 PRINTED FLANNELS, for Dressing-gowns, at 16c. per yard, worth $1 25.
EMPRESS CLOTHS, all colors, 37c. per yard, worth 87½c.
64 ALL-WOOL SERGES at 50c. per yard, worth $1.
64 POPLIN ALPACAS at 45c. per yard, worth 75c.
64 ALL-WOOL SATIN DE CHENE, for Suits, at 75c. per yard, worth $1 25.
64 ALL-WOOL PLAIDS at $1, reduced from $1 50.
ALSO,
STRIPED SILKS, at 75c., worth $1 50.
RICH BLACK SILKS, from $1 50 to $12 per yard.
EVENING SILKS, in entirely new shades, made expressly for ourselves, which will be shown by gas-light when desired.
ALSO,
BLACK CASHMERE D'ETE,
FOR SUITS.
LORD & TAYLOR,
BROADWAY AND 20TH-ST.
GRAND-ST., CORNER CHRYSTIE.

CLOAKS AT RETAIL.
CLOTH WINTER CLOAKS at $10, reduced from $20
CLOTH WINTER CLOAKS at $12, reduced from $25
REAL ASTRAKHAN CLOAKS $20, reduced from $40
ALSO,
LARGE ASSORTMENT OF PARIS-MADE
Cloth and Velvet Garments
AT
Fifty Cents on the Dollar.
LORD & TAYLOR,
BROADWAY AND 20TH-ST.
GRAND AND CHRYSTIE STS.

FURS! FURS!
RUSSIAN SABLE,
HUDSON BAY SABLE,
ALASKA SABLE,
ROYAL ERMINE,
MINK SETS AND SEALSKIN SACKS, CLOAKS, AND MUFFS,
AT REDUCED PRICES.
LORD & TAYLOR,
BROADWAY AND 20TH-ST.

AT KINZEY'S.
GREAT CLEARING SALE
BEFORE TAKING ACCOUNT OF STOCK.
GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.
RIBBONS CLOSING OUT.
LOTS OF RIBBONS, 3c., 5c., 8c., 10c., 12c., yard.
WIDE RIBBONS, 10c., 15c., 20c., 25c., 31c., yard.
SASH RIBBONS, 25c., 31c., 40c., 50c., 62c., 75c.
TRIMMING RIBBONS, 25c., 40c., 50c., piece.
VELVETS CLOSING OUT.
LOTS OF VELVETS, 25c., 37½c., 40c., 50c., 75c., piece.
FANCY VELVETS, 37½c., 40c., 50c., 62½c., 75c., yard.
VELVETEENS, 25c., 40c., 50c., 60c., yard.
SILK BONNET VELVETS, 75c., $1, $1 25, yard.
SILK VELVETINGS, 62½c., 75c., 87½c., piece.
SILK PLUSHES, 75c., 87½c., $1 yard.
EMBROIDERIES CLOSING OUT.
LINEN COLLARS, $1, up.
VALENCIENNES LACE COLLARS, 25c., up.
REAL LACE COLLARS, CLOSING, 25c.
LACE SETS, 50c., 75c., $1, set.
NEEDLEWORK SETS, 50c., 75c., $1.
WORKED EDGINGS, 5c., 8c., 10c., 12½c., yard.
WORKED BANDS, 25c., 40c., 50c.
RUFFLINGS, 10c., 15c., 25c., 31c., piece.
REMNANTS OF RIBBONS.
REMNANTS OF VELVETS.
REMNANTS OF LACES.
REMNANTS OF EMBROIDERIES.
HANDKERCHIEFS CLOSING OUT.
HEMSTITCH HANDKERCHIEFS, 6c., 8c., 10c., 12½c.
LADIES' LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, 5c., 6c., 8c.
NEEDLEWORK HANDKERCHIEFS, 12½c., 15c., 20c., 25c.
LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, 25c., up.
HEMSTITCH AND TUCKED, 12½c., up.
GENTS' HEMMED HANDKERCHIEFS, 12c., up.
HOSIERY AND GLOVES CLOSING.
SPLENDID KID GLOVES, 50c. pair.
LOT OF TWO-BUTTON KIDS, 50c., 75c.
SILK-LINED GLOVES, 25c.
HOSIERY, 10c., 12½c., 15c., 18c., 20c., up.
GENTS' MERINO VESTS, 50c.
HATS, FLOWERS, AND FEATHERS.
ALL OUR HATS REDUCED TO 50c.
FANCY GOODS CLOSING OUT.
SPOOL AND SKEIN SILKS, 1c.
MACHINE SILKS, 4c. spool.
EXCELLENT SPOOL COTTONS, 1c. spool.
BEST SEWING COTTON, 3c. dozen.
PEARL SHIRT-BUTTONS, 3c. gross.
COTTON TWEEDS, 8c., 9c., 10c., 12½c. piece.
FANCY JEWELRY, 25c., 50c., 75c., $1.
WILLIAM KINZEY,
691 BROADWAY,
BETWEEN AMITY AND 4TH STS.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 20th day of December A. D. 1870, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of JOSEPH RICHARDS KENDALL, of New-York City, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, and CHARLES G. KENDALL, of the town of Beaufort, in the County of Beaufort, and State of South Carolina, formerly copartners in the firm name of C. G. & J. R. Kendall, of Beaufort, South Carolina, who have been adjudged bankrupts on their own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupts, to them or either of them, or for their use, or the use of either of them, and the transfer of any property by them or either of them, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupts, and each of them, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of their estate, and the estate of each of them, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 7 Beekman-st., corner of Nassau-st., Room No. 2, in the City of New-York, before James F. Dwight, Esq., Register, on the 21st day of January A. D. 1871, at 11 o'clock forenoon.
GEORGE H. SHARPE, U. S. Marshal,
as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 14th day of December, A. D. 1870, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of JACOB B. KENT, of New-York City, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 152 Broadway, in the City of New-York, before Mr. Henry Wilder Allen, Register, on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1871, at 12 o'clock M.
GEORGE H. SHARPE, U. S. Marshal,
as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York, in the matter of THOMAS DOUGLASS, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—Southern District of New-York, ss.—At the City of New-York, the 5th day of January, 1871.—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of the estate and effects of Thomas Douglass, of Brooklyn, County of Kings, and State of New-York, who has carried on business for more than three years, next immediately preceding the filing of his petition at the City of New-York, in said district, who was on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1870, adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of the United States for the said Southern District of New-York.
JOHN E. GOLDSMITH,
Assignee in Bankruptcy,
1ss-1aw2w* No. 202 Broadway, New-York City.

DENTISTRY.

COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION
Introduced the anæsthetic use of nitrous oxide gas, administer it in the most approved manner, do nothing but extract teeth, and they certainly do that without pain, as 30,000 patients testify. See their signatures at their office, No. 10 Cooper Institute.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

A STRICTLY PRIVATE FAMILY, residing in East 14th-st., convenient to Clarendon, Gramercy, Westminster and Everett Hotels, would rent, without board, to a single gentleman, a front room, bedroom connecting, with modern conveniences. Those wishing first-class accommodations may address, with name, B., Box No. 123 Times Office.

A SUITE OF FURNISHED ROOMS, with private table, consisting of parlor, large bedroom and dressing-room, in an old-established house. None but those of the highest respectability need apply to SYMMES & CO., No. 357 Broadway.

TO LET, FURNISHED—TWO OR three rooms, on parlor floor, to one or more gentlemen; also, room on third floor; references exchanged. No. 45 East 18th-st., between Broadway and 4th-av.

ONE BRIGHT, CHEERFUL SUITE of rooms, in private family; comforts of home offered; private table, if desired; liberal terms. Call at No. 278 4th-av., nearly opposite Calvary Church; references.

FIFTH-AVENUE—NO. 251, CORNER 38TH-st., one suite of three or four rooms, on third floor; private table; also one single room for a gentleman. French man cook.

NO. 12 EAST 20TH-ST., BETWEEN 5th and Madison avs., tastefully furnished rooms, with or without board, in a private family; house first-class, with all modern improvements.

FIFTH-AV.—HANDSOMELY FURNISHED entire floor, en suite or singly, with board, in the most elegant house on Fifth-av.; private table if desired; references exchanged.

NO. 245 WEST 23D-ST.—A COMFORTABLE room, with board and fire for a gentleman at $10 per week; also a room for two, $14.

NO. 41 EAST 21ST-ST.—A GOOD SIZED single, third-story room to let, with board, to a gentleman.

NO. 26 WEST 19TH-ST.—HANDSOMELY-furnished room to a family or party of gentlemen; also single rooms; house and table first-class.

A NICELY-FURNISHED ROOM FOR one or two, reasonable; home and location very desirable; rent, $8 per week. No. 216 East 102d-st.

NO. 258 WEST 23D-ST.—VERY DESIRABLE rooms to let with board.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION IN A FIRST-class house by a competent cook; understands French, English and all the new styles of cooking; is a first-class housekeeper; is capable to take the entire charge; a good place more of an object than high wages. Can produce the best of City references. Apply at No. 226 East 26th-st., near 3d-av.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT YOUNG woman, a situation as nurse and seamstress, or chamber-maid and seamstress, or nurse; very respectable; good seamstress; cut and fit; operate on machine; recommended nurse; good references. Apply at No. 225 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable Protestant girl as cook; willing to assist in the washing and ironing; reliable and trustworthy; unexceptionable City references; no objection to the country. Call or address, No. 128 West 126th-st., between 6th and 7th avs., for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SCOTCH Protestant woman as first-class chamber-maid in a private family; will do plain sewing, if required; City or country; best City references; or would travel to Europe as nurse; accustomed to travel. Call at No. 229 3d-av.

WANTED—BY AN ENGLISH PROTESTant young woman, a situation as cook, washer and ironer, or to assist in washing, country or City; very respectable; good referenced. Apply at No. 238 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRST-class chamber-maid; willing to wait in a private family; unexceptionable City references. Call for two days at No. 145 West 29th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPEtent German girl for general house-work, or as cook, washer and ironer; is willing and obliging; best of City references. Call at No. 302 Bowery, entrance on 1st-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG woman to wait on a lady and sew, or wait on grown children and do light chamber-work; has good testimonials as to character and capability. Address or call two days at No. 48 West 17th-st.

WANTED—A COOK'S SITUATION, BY A neat, industrious, honest, competent woman, well recommended from last place; no washing; wages expected, $20. Apply at the French Office, No. 405 5th-av.

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THE CHURCHES YESTERDAY.

NO PREDESTINATION.

Reconciliation of the Doctrines of Predestination and Free Agency—Mercy, Mercy, Mercy—Man Endowed in Mercy Higher Than Man the Guilty Must Respect.

At Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, yesterday, Mr. Beecher spoke in someone sense, [illegible] the Freedom of Man in the World, and the Relations Existing Arising from these Him and God. Before commencing his discourse, Mr. Beecher administered the ordinance of baptism to eight children. He took for his text the last clause of the fifth verse of the fifth chapter of St. John: "For without Me, you can do nothing."

By way of introduction, Mr. Beecher said: [illegible] statement, given to the disciples by their Lord and Master in order to make more [illegible] the reason for which it is possible to [illegible] with the whole doctrine of predestination to [illegible] world, and one of the sweetest and most delightful of all the facts which it is possible for us to contemplate in that relation which [illegible] us and our God. And [illegible] no other truth, capable [illegible] consolation that has been [illegible] carried so little relief to [illegible] the entire dependence of man [illegible] been two central mistakes [illegible] tation of scriptural language [illegible] that of affixing to the language of the Scriptures the sense of political and [illegible] ing words out of their relations [illegible] interpreting them by [illegible] poetry. This [illegible] with the Bible, and the most mischievous results have followed. The second [illegible] in giving a strictly philosophical meaning [illegible] to the imagination and [illegible] way the most extraordinary propositions have been deduced and [illegible] still, the most striking and [illegible] truths have been rendered [illegible]. This doctrine of man's dependence upon God [illegible] an instance in point; [illegible] to the disciples it was full of [illegible] tion; it was the word of [illegible] cannot employ our control over our own actions, and yet that we are damnable for not doing what no power was given to man to do, this, I say, conflicts with our every idea of a governor, be he omnipotent or be he finite. No ruler has the right to require of men more than the power given to them. And the power must be inherent in the individual. If man is so dependent upon God that he cannot do anything, then he is responsible for nothing. There can be no responsibility except upon the supposition that man has freedom of action and has inherent powers to control himself and his actions. There have been times when men felt themselves tied up with this doctrine that they could do nothing without God; that their every action was dependent upon him, and that yet they were responsible for what they did, as well as for much that they did not do. When reduced to this point the doctrine is simply a net of abomination, which violates every utterance of our Lord, and is an antagonism to every tendency of the Scriptures. Third, human dependence upon God has been misconceived in another way, and, because it has been taught as to seem to erect a despotic Oriental deity, not a father, but a conscienceless potentate. It has been boldly taught that God had the right to make men in any way, and having made them, to impose any condition upon them. No choice, that he was, in brief, an absolute sovereign, taking counsel of none but his own selfishness. Now, there may be an element of truth in this, philosophically considered, but when reduced to a religious basis it is repulsive in the extreme; for this touches the right of absolute power to control individuality. But, men will feel that if God, simply because he is stronger than others, has the right to make and mar just what he pleases, they may do the same thing in proportion to their power. If might makes right in heaven, why does it not do so in Persia, Jerusalem, or any where else. Such a doctrine is destructive of the very foundation of morality and justice. If there is one truth more insisted upon in the Bible than another, it is the infinite obligation of greatness and wisdom to things inferior. Christ in his life, revealed to us the laws that govern the actions of the Divinity, and through them we see no trace of Oriental despotism, but the lineaments of a father. In conclusion, Mr. Beecher referred to the fact that in taking the position herein indicated upon this doctrine of dependence, he differed from his illustrious father and many other able theologians, but that, notwithstanding that, he felt his position to be right, and would continue to preach accordingly. The idea of kingship in the Deity is a mistake; that of a father exalted by all the nobler attributes alone comports with the conception of the universal being presented by the Lord Jesus Christ.

JOY IN THE TABERNACLE

Interesting Services at the Brooklyn Tabernacle—Ninety Persons Admitted to Membership—Brilliant Sermon by the Pastor, Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage.

To a church-going stranger, the Brooklyn Tabernacle, unique as it is in every feature, must be an object of unusual attraction. Its corrugated iron walls beautifully festooned with evergreens, the peculiar arrangement of its pews, and the massive organ that figured at the great "Peace Jubilee," are objects well calculated to command attention. But all of these would hardly have served to divert his mind from the interesting exercises of yesterday morning. Upon the organ, the majestic movement of STEVENS' March gave place to LUTHER's masterpiece as the reverend pastor appeared upon the stand, and the vast congregation united in singing the long metre doxology. Then the Lord's Prayer and reading of the morning lesson was followed by the reading of the names of ninety applicants for admission to the church. Forty of these were presented upon certificates from other churches, and fifty upon profession of faith. Twelve of the latter were first baptized, and then all were admitted in due form. The morning prayer embodied a beautiful simile, drawn from the aspect of nature, and an earnest appeal to the powers of heaven for aid in the reclamation of humanity. Mr. TALMAGE announced as his text, Isaiah, sixtieth chapter and eighth verse: "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?" Bearing his remarks upon the event of the morning. He did not wonder that AUDUBON spent so many years pulling and gun in search of ornithological and other specimens, or that a celebrated geologist spent all his life searching for the prints of the claws of birds among the formations of the sandstone period, for there was enough of God's architecture in the bill of a snipe or the foot of a grouse to confound all the learning of the universities. Birds in their nature seem to conjoin the elements of both heaven and earth, and we will do well to note their movements. The Bible is full of birds, made bright in their plumage by rubbing against the beautiful gates of heaven. Ninety souls today! Other Sabbaths we dropped the seed; today we gather in the doves. Wake up, this morning, and bring music and garlands, and let us celebrate this harvest home. Why have we got them? Doves fly low. The eagle with upon majestic pinion, quitting his beak into the sun, but these souls have humbly demonstrated themselves at the feet of Jesus. No throne could tempt many from His presence. When the disciples quarreled about which should be greatest among them, Christ took a little child and told them, "except ye become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven." Stoop, oh proud soul! if thou wouldst reach heaven, fly low. A European Emperor planted a rose-bush 1,000 years ago, and roses may be plucked from it today; more than a thousand years ago Jesus planted a rose-bush; it blossoms still; if we would enjoy its exquisite fragrance and sip its honey, we must fly low. But why have these come to the church today? Doves come to their cot for shelter. Every man is the besieging sin. Like a bird of prey it follows him. He may threat to hack, but it will follow him still. The net is filled with ravenous beasts; the world has no balsam for the bruised spirit. Therefore we open the windows of the Church and the doves fly home. Our fortunes may go down ten degrees below zero, the wintry winds may blow, the Sheriff may sell us out, but Christ is a comfy, warm home. Why have so many come at once? Bats fly about in the darkness in search of prey, but always alone; buzzards with reeking beaks, fresh from their feast of carrion, fly alone; but doves come in flocks to the windows. But why are so many outside of the cot? Why do so many flee from the bountiful hand that feeds them? God's word will not always strive with us. There is a fearful storm coming that shall shiver the ships of pride, and drive carcasses among the rocks of disaster; the hawks will fly from the [illegible] in terror, and who shall save? Before the storm, oh, ye doves; behind the hawks, the storm spreads his two black wings to overshadow you, fly to the warm dove cot of Jesus!

The sermon received throughout the most profound attention, and the speaker, in his dramatic rendering of the closing sentences, drew largely upon the sympathies of the audience.

TEMPORAL POWER.

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Thompson—"Reasons Why the Whole Church Catholic Should Rejoice in the Downfall of the Temporal Power of the Pope."

Rev. Dr. THOMPSON delivered a discourse last evening, at the Broadway Tabernacle, on the "Reasons why the whole Church Catholic should rejoice in the downfall of the temporal power of the Pope." The speaker took his text from the eighteenth chapter of John, thirty-sixth verse: "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence." The discourse was substantially as follows:

In discoursing, last Sunday evening, upon the shaking of the nations during the past year, I alluded to that shaking of the Papacy which would result in the dethronement of the Pope. The subject this evening is a view which concerns itself to a large portion of the Christian Church. We have nothing to do with the Pope, but with his temporal sovereignty as a secular prince—his temporal power, and this not merely in its secular aspects. These subjects will be discussed at the Academy of Music on Thursday evening. To-night I propose to show why, as Christians, we should rejoice in the overthrow of the temporal power of the Pope. But why not leave this to the Catholic Church? say some. I take it up because I am concerned for the safety of the Church; because every Catholic is my brother in God, and I see that this temporal power is injurious to his welfare. The purity of Christianity is impaired by any connection of Church and State, as it is impaired in England today. In Rome we see the combination of these two forces today. Every man is interested in seeing that the union of Church and State is removed. I take up this question next because the people of the States of the Church have protested through ages against this temporal power of the Pope, and have gained the sympathy of the entire world. Just as in Ireland the people were taxed to pay for the Established Church, and every man rejoiced when the Church was disestablished, and every Irishman should rejoice that Italy is to be free from taxation to support the Church of Rome. I take up the question, thirdly, because of the erroneous opinions inculcated by the Pope, and his denunciations of liberty wherever it exists. Again, I take up the question because the Pope has forbidden the circulation of the Bible, and this book must not be bound by any power. GREGORY denounced Bible societies by name. I myself saw, four years ago, a lady in Rome arrested for the offence of having a Bible in her possession, and she was at last glad to escape to Florence. Moreover, the Pope makes this my question and yours, and, in his syllabus, denounced as heresies a number of things, among which was the claim that the schools did not belong to the civil power. If we are to be damned, we have a right to inquire why are we condemned. Further, the Pope claims that he is not amenable to civil power. Popes have committed adultery and murder, yet PIUS IX. claims that he is infallible. The power of the Pope is contrary to the teachings of Christ, and is a constant injury to his cause. Read what Jesus said to Peter, when the latter drew his sword and smote a civil servant. Jesus declared that Peter was amenable to the civil power, yet he now claims to be Peter's successor asserts that he does not owe allegiance to civil authority. How then can the Pope ally his kingdom with any secular power? If the argument is used that the temporal power is necessary to the welfare of the Church, it may be said in answer that the Apostles did not set up that claim. The sword of God is the only sword which Christ has put into the hands of any defender of the Church. Christ said to Peter, "Submit yourselves to the civil power for the Lord's sake." Suppose that Peter were now in Rome and should read his letter to his present successor, how soon would the Pope leave the Vatican and cross to the Quirinal to make his submission to the King? The temporal power of the Pope, his sovereignty as King over the States of the Church, originated with CONSTANTINE in 312. The speaker then traced the history of the temporal power to the present time. Their independent sovereignty was not secured until the days of HILDEBRAND, in the eleventh century. But soon after the people of Rome began to protest against this usurpation, and in the twelfth century rebelled, but were crushed. Then ensued a state of degradation, owing to the characters of the Popes, which worked destruction upon the people. Portions of their patrimony were parceled out to favorites, and some made encroachments upon neighboring States, overturning their power. The speaker cited instances of the vices and iniquities of the Popes, and said that, because they were temporal Princes that such bad men were enabled to get into the Papal office. I think every fair-minded man will admit that the temporal power may, in its inception, have contributed to the general advancement of the race, and of the arts and sciences, but the pretext for it can no longer exist, and Christianity demands its overthrow. The speaker then referred to the actual condition of the people during the existence of the temporal power. Cardinal SACHETTI said that the people of Rome were in a worse condition than the people of God in Egypt, and this was said on June 15, 1864, in a letter from the Cardinal to the Pope. He left that opinion as his dying testimony, exhorting him to rid himself of the temporal power that he might restore the people to happiness. He said that the people were more cruelly oppressed than were the slaves of Africa. In the century in which we live, in 1825, over 4,000 persons were sentenced to severe punishment in Rome for violating the rules of the Pope. In 1845 the people of Italy indicted the Government of Rome before the civilized world for its cruelties. Subsequently Austria insisted upon some measure of reform for the Italian people. After the Austrians were driven out of Milan, the archives were left behind, and from these reports we learn that in 1859, Rome was in a state of disorder, and a disgrace to civilization. In the Pontifical States justice was notoriously sold, and the Inquisition was openly enacted. Everything had its price, and corruption ruled everywhere. When GREGORY died, the people of Rome waited to see what PIUS IX. would do, and they rejoiced that he showed a desire to work reforms. But he soon fell into the practices of his predecessor. In 1849 the Pope consented to the expulsion of the Jesuits, and made other reforms of a political character. But scarcely was the Council of Government organized, than the Pope exercised his authority of vetoing the measures of the Chambers. Finally a revolution ensued, a republic was formed and the Pope fled, but was restored by the bayonets of NAPOLEON, and then those who had been instrumental in establishing the Republic were severely punished. Laws were enacted by which the vengeance of the Pope could be satisfied. Now the people of Rome are free, and have, by a unanimous vote, joined the Italian Confederation. Never since this country the Popes have remained in Rome had he not been upheld by foreign bayonets. But notwithstanding all these facts we hear a demand that the Pope be replaced upon the Papal throne. The speaker read a letter from Father HYACINTHE to himself, dated on the very day that the decree of infallibility was promulgated, and which has been published, to show the opinions of that priests regarding the decree. The speaker continued by stating that Papacy was in opposition to modern progress